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BRITAINS WAR DEBTS

Rugby, Yesterday.

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION ON THE FUNDING OF ITALIAN AND FRENCH WAR DEBTS TO GREAT BRITAIN, THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER STATED THAT THE AMOUNTS OF ITALIAN AND FRENCH WAR DEBTS AT THE DATE OF FUNDING WERE £560,000,000 AND £600,000,000 respectively.

THE SUM ADVANCED TO FRANCE AND ITALY WERE, OF COURSE, BORROWED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTE PART OF BRITISH WAR DEBTS. THE AVERAGE COST OF BORROWING, DURING THE WAR, WAS OVER 5 PER CENT. AND ON THIS BASIS, THE FUNDING AGREEMENTS REPRESENT A REMISSION OF 63 PER CENT. OF THE FRENCH WAR DEBT AND OF 86 PER CENT. OF THE ITALIAN WAR DEBT. THE BRITISH TAXPAYERS HAD BEEN LEFT TO BEAR THE EQUIVALENT PROPORTION OF THE CHANGE INVOLVED BY THESE BORROWINGS.—British Wireless Service.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

A Decidedly Stronger Feeling.

BUYERS IN EVIDENCE.

The session opened this morning with a decidedly stronger feeling, there being buyers for a number of stocks in the list.

Sales.

Underwriters, \$5.10.
Cements (combined), \$19.20.
Electrics, \$78.
Dairy Farms, \$28 3/4.

Buyers.

Unions, \$425.
Steamboats, \$24.
Providents (old), \$5.30.
H. K. Lands, \$80 1/2.
Humphreys (old), \$18.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Trams, \$21.10.
Star Ferries, \$95.

H.K. Electrics, \$77 1/2.
Canton Ice, \$5 1/2.
H.K. Ropes, \$16 1/2.
Watsons, \$16.
H.K. Amusements, \$19 1/2.
Constructions (old), \$5 1/2.
Underwriters, \$5.10.
Shanghai Explorations, Tls. 2.40.
Hotels (old), \$15.10.
Hotels (new), \$14.60.
H.K. Realities, \$11.90.
Ewos, Tls. 16.
Peak Trams (old), \$14.60.
China Lights, \$27 1/4.
Telephones (part paid), \$26.60.
Cements (combined), \$19.15.
Dairy Farms, \$28 3/4.
Sinceres, \$15.
Entertainments, \$15.
H.K. Government Loan, \$2 per cent. premium.

Sellers.

Underwriters, \$5.15.
Providents (old), \$5.40.
Star Ferries, \$96.
S.C. Enterprises, \$10.
Raubs, \$43.
Venezuelan Goldfields, \$2.
H.K. Electrics, \$78 1/4.

WOMAN'S INGENIOUS RUSE

ANNUAL NAVAL REVIEW.

Admiral Kelly Takes The Salute.

GOOD TURN OUT.

In brilliant sunshine, more than 800 men took part in the Naval Review at Happy Valley this morning. The Commander-in-Chief, H.E. Admiral Sir Howard Kelly, took the Salute.

Many Officers and ladies gathered to watch the Review. Three companies of Seamen, and a company of Marines, representative of all the ships in port, were on parade, and after the inspection by the Commander-in-Chief, the March Past took place. A Massed Band took part in the proceedings.

The Marine Company was under Major V. C. Brown, and Captain Reyne (H.M.S. Berwick) had charge of the whole display.

Admiral Kelly was attended by the Commanding Officers of ships represented at the Review.

ESTATES LEFT.

PIG DEALER'S \$34,500.

Wong Siu-chuen, alias Wong Siu-fan, alias Wong Ting, alias Wong Ting-fan, alias Wong Kwok-cheong, alias Wong Sze-ngong, alias Wong Kai-keo, alias Chuk Man-teng, alias Oi Yu, pig dealer, left estate in the Colony valued at \$34,500. He died at the age of 40, on December 15, 1930, at 83, Connaught Road West, top floor, leaving a widow, a concubine (Wong Young Shi), three sons and three daughters. The estate is living in Pakhoi, and the other children are minors. Probate of his will has been granted by the Supreme Court to the two executors named in the will—Wong Cheung Shi, alias Cheung King-man, the testator's lawful widow and relict, and Wong Lai-wa, the testator's widowed sister, both of 12, Chung Ching Street. The will makes family bequests.

Woman's \$27,400.

Family bequests are made in the will of Ngan Chung-yiu, alias Ngan Yiu, alias Ngan Yow-yuk, alias Ngan Yue-yuk, married woman, late of 20, Caine Road, Hong Kong. She died at the Yu Yeung Hospital, Canton, on June 12, 1931, aged 44 years, leaving estate in the Colony valued at \$27,400. Probate of the will has been granted to Lau Tso-chak and Lau Tso-cheuk, both of 20, Caine Road, the testator's lawful and natural sons, who are the executors named in the will.

INDIA POLICY

GOVERNMENT FULLY SUPPORTED.

SIR JOHN SIMON MAKES FORCEFUL SPEECH.

London, Yesterday.

The House of Commons today overwhelmingly approved of Government's Indian policy, after rejecting by 369 votes to 43 the amendment moved by Mr. Winston Churchill stipulating that Government's policy should not commit the House to the establishment in India of a Dominion Constitution as defined in the Statute of Westminster, and effectively safeguard British trade in India from adverse and prejudicial discrimination, and not impair the ultimate responsibility of Parliament for peace, order, and good government in India.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.

'Debate on the motion approving Government's Indian policy was continued in the House of Commons to night, when Mr. Winston Churchill moved a qualifying amendment, in spite of the explanations offered last night by the Prime Minister and Sir Samuel Hoare, and the appeal made by Lord Winterton for its withdrawal.

Mr. Churchill's Rugged Affirmations.

Mr. Churchill, while accepting Sir Samuel Hoare's statement that they had to reconcile the obligations of a long British partnership with India with the legitimate aspirations of Indians to take a greater part in their own Government, renewed his criticisms of the Viceroy's declaration of October 1929 as being demure (?) from constitutional procedure and as prejudicing the work of the Simon Commission, and said he was bound to make "rugged affirmations" of his objections.

Sir John Simon Replies.

He was answered immediately by Sir John Simon, who said Mr. Churchill appeared to be under a misapprehension. The Premier's statement at the close of the Round Table Conference was not a document prepared by one individual but by the united and deliberate decision of the whole Cabinet. Mr. Churchill's speech, Sir John said, increased the desirability that the House should confirm Government's policy. The cleavage was between those who really meant actively to promote the achievement of responsible government in India and those who did not. He would be the last to deny the difficulties confronting them but he hoped these obstacles were not in question. What mattered was what was underlying the spirit and purpose of Parliament. Many Indians sincerely doubted the intention of British statesmen. He asked the House, by its unanimous support of the declaration made on behalf of the whole Cabinet, to make it plain that the achievement of responsible government in India was the definite purpose of British policy.

Referring to Mr. Churchill's amendment, he asked if there had ever been, from the beginning to the end, any doubt as to securing in the future Indian Constitution proper guarantees not only of British trading rights but of the rights of minorities as a whole.

The debate continues.—British Wireless Service.



Mrs. Helen Willis Moody, the world's lady tennis champion, who arrived in the Colony on the s.s. President Madison to-day.

Mrs. Moody came out East with her husband on the s.s. President Coolidge on that vessel's maiden voyage, Mr. Moody running a broker's office on board the ship.

At Shanghai Mrs. Moody broke voyage to stop over with friends, and at the time it was learned here, with much regret, that she was not coming south. Her change of plan will be welcomed by local tennis enthusiasts, especially as she is on the President Madison's list of passengers from Shanghai to Hong Kong. This means that she will disembark here, and, of course, there may be the very welcome possibility of seeing her in action in Hong Kong.

NEWS TABLOIDS.

The Prince of Wales was confined to bed yesterday due to a slight chill of a malaria nature. His indisposition is in no way serious. It may be recalled that the Prince, on the occasion of a shooting trip to British East Africa two years ago, went down with a slight attack of fever also.

The League's draft resolution appears acceptable to Japan, except the new point entitling the commission of investigation "to report to the Council as soon as possible, with such recommendations as it thinks fit." This is regarded as an attempt to jockey Japan into accepting a condition which the League knows is absolutely unacceptable.

Government's assurance that no fiscal engagements of a binding character would be entered into with foreign countries likely to prejudice the Abnormal Importations Act or any future arrangements with the rest of the Empire, was commented on yesterday by Home newspapers, which welcome indications that leading protectionist countries, which could not be induced a year ago to consider British proposals for a tariff truce, now desire to discuss tariff questions.

Government circles in Nanking are optimistic regarding the establishment of the new National Government before January 1. An official spokesman has informed newspapers correspondent that barring further dissensions in the southern Kuomintang Congress the first session of the joint committee elected at Nanking and Canton will meet some time before December 15 at Nanking. Measures pertaining to the creation of new Government and election of new Presidents for the State Council and the five Yuans will then be deliberated. Mr. Tsai Yuan-pai has communicated with the Southern Government seeking the opinion of the military commanders concerning the date for the final session at Nanking.

It is understood that the War Office has just tested a new searchlight of exceptional power, which can throw patterns on the sky enabling raiding aircraft to be "plotted". In the air, just as artillery targets are plotted on a map of squares. It is claimed that as the speed, height and direction of an aeroplane can be calculated within a minute of time, this location by the new searchlight constitutes a valuable defensive air weapon.

FALL OF STERLING

CAUSES EXPLAINED TO COMMONERS.

NO ALARM

STATEMENT BY CHANCELLOR.

London, Yesterday.

Factors abroad were described, by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, at question time in the House of Commons to-day, as primarily responsible for the weakness of sterling in recent weeks. The Chancellor explained that these factors were not under our control, but coincided with heavy seasonal and other payments for imports. He declined, however, to view with apprehension recent sterling movements.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The confident tone of the Press and other comment on the fall in the exchange value of the £ this week found echo to-day at question time in the House of Commons, when the Chancellor of the Exchequer made the above statement.—British Wireless Service.

GALE IN THE CHANNEL.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The steamer Versailles, engaged on the cross-Channel service, encountered heavy seas this morning when about 12 miles out from Newhaven Harbour. The wind rose to gale force and in the buffeting she received her rudder was damaged.

The Versailles has had to anchor off Seaford Head until the wind moderates. A tug, which was sent to assist her, had to fight through a 60 miles an hour gale, and encountered very heavy seas. One huge wave broke over her deck severely injuring one of her crew.—British Wireless Service.

PARLIAMENT'S 'XMAS RECESS.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Prime Minister announced in the House of Commons to-day that he hoped it would be possible to take the motion for adjournment for the Christmas Recess on Friday, December 11.—British Wireless Service.

A woman's ingenious ruse to convey illicit wine from one place to another was disclosed in the Police Court this morning. The jars of wine were carried on her back and arranged so as to resemble a baby.

During the latter stages of the debate on Government's Indian policy, Major Atlee said he believed the solution of questions between Europe and Asia would largely depend on what was done by Britain in its dealings with India.

The Opposition welcomed the reaffirmation of the principle laid down at the beginning of the year; admitted that the method of negotiation adopted by the Round Table Conference was the only means of reaching a solution, but regretted that more time was not given to the conference, and that discussion of certain essential matters was confined to only a few days.

The Secretary of State for India, Sir Samuel Hoare, defined Government's objective as, firstly an All-India Federal Executive; secondly, autonomous provinces; and thirdly, safeguards, without which India's safety and credit could not be maintained.

PEACE GARDEN

Toronto, Yesterday.

"TO GOD IN HIS GLORY WE TWO NATIONS DEDICATE THIS GARDEN, AND PLEDGE OURSELVES, AS LONG AS MEN SHALL LIVE, WE WILL NOT TAKE UP ARMS AGAINST EACH OTHER."

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THE GARDEN OCCUPIES 3,000 ACRES IN TURTLE MOUNTAIN FOREST, MANITOBA, NORTH DAKOTA.—REUTER.

Word has been received here (said the Winnipeg correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor on October 19) that the tract of land on Turtle Mountain, at the Manitoba-North Dakota border, has been approved for the proposed international peace garden site by the National Association of Gardeners, in convention at Asbury Park, N.J. The final decision on this matter will be made next Spring at a joint meeting of the International Peace Garden Commission and the executive committees of the Canadian Association of Florists and Gardeners.

A total of 1,600 acres has been donated by the Governments of Manitoba and North Dakota for the garden, which it is proposed to plant with flowering plants, trees and shrubbery representative of both the United States and Canada. Manitoba has promised to build the best of roads into the garden. It is proposed to raise a fund of \$5,000,000 to establish the park and maintain it in perpetuity.

BURMA ROUND TABLE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

At the meeting of the Burma Round Table Conference to-day general discussion was concluded. On Monday the Conference will resolve itself into committee and commence consideration of details of the proposed new Constitution.—British Wireless Service.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN TO VISIT EAST

London, Yesterday.

The Morning Post says it is understood Charlie Chaplin's latest plan is to visit the East, including India. He will make a tour of China and Japan.—Reuter.

FAMOUS FRENCH MUSICIAN DEAD.

Paris, Yesterday.

The death occurred here to-day of Vincent D'Indy, a well-known musician.—Reuter.

Paul Marie Theodore Vincent D'Indy was born on March 2, 1861. At an early age he revealed himself as a musical genius, and earned for himself a Continental and International reputation. He has to his credit numerous classical music compositions, and has had conferred upon him, from time to time, many honours and decorations.

MAGISTRATE REVOKES SENTENCE

Seeking permission to come back to the Colony, owing to the death of his father, a banished walked into the offices of Inspector K. W. Andrew, at Police Headquarters yesterday morning. He was recognised as a man who had served a jail term a month ago along with another man (who has since died) for armed robbery at Queen Victoria Street. His name was promptly put on the charge sheet.

Defendant appeared before Mr. Williams this morning, and the circumstances of the case explained. Insp. Andrew stated the Police had reason to believe the man had been in Hong Kong several days ago.

Inspector E. A. Vincent, in charge of the Finger Prints and Criminal Records Department, suggested that defendant might have been hard pressed, and so gave himself up to the Police. Defendant's story, he added, took some believing. As defendant was the ninth banished to return in four days, he suggested there surely must be some attraction in the Colony.

The Magistrate first passed sentence of two months' hard labour, but later revoked that sentence as defendant had given himself up of his own accord, and ordered him to pay a nominal fine of \$10 or in default undergo fourteen days' jail.

CANADIAN PREMIER.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Canadian Premier, Mr. R. B. Bennett, was among the guests at a luncheon party given by the Prime Minister and Miss Isabel MacDonald at Downing Street to-day.—British Wireless Service.

AN "ALL-AMERICAN" SHIPPING FLEET.

Vast Plan for Capturing Trans-Atlantic Trade.

12-COMPANY COMBINE.

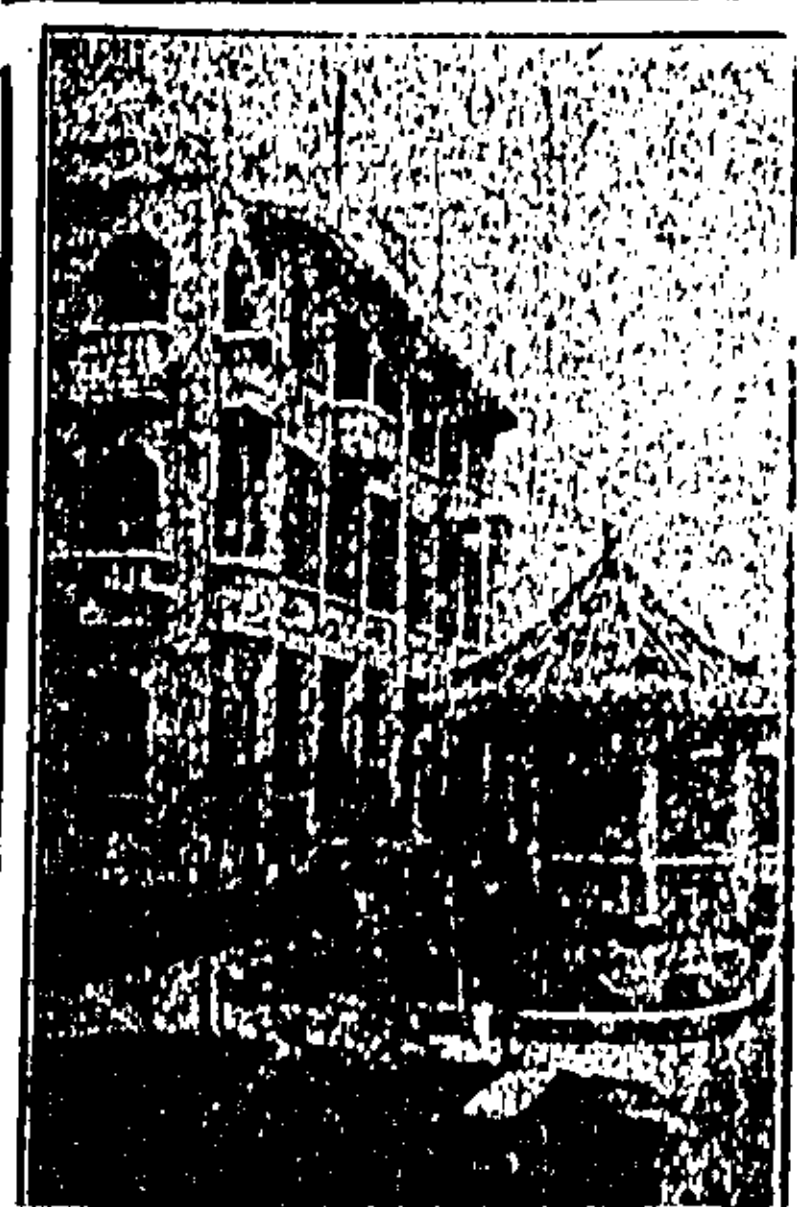
New York, October 9.

The biggest shipping merger in United States history is being organised at a conference in San Francisco, according to the Herald Tribune, which states that the plans would unite 12 companies, including the Roosevelt, the International Mercantile Marine, the Dollar, the Dawson and the Chapman interests. The proposed combine would own and control 181 vessels of nearly 1 1/2 million tonnage.

It is stated that Mr. P. A. S. Franklin, president of the Roosevelt International Mercantile Marine concern, is now in Britain to test the possibility of selling the company's ships sailing under foreign flags, so that the new combine can devote its attention to developing a huge fleet which would be purely American.

The "President" Boats.

The Dollar Steamship Lines own a huge fleet of big liners, including the "President" boats. The International Mercantile Marine include three lines, Atlantic Transport, Limited, the Red Star, and the Leyland Lines, which are under the British flag, in addition to lines run under the flag of the United States. The Federal Shipping Board decided a month ago to begin negotiations for a contract with the Dawson, Chapman, and Dollar shipping interests, with a view to the sale of the United States line of steamers.—Central News.



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TALKIE TALKS

by
Diane

To-night the King's Theatre will be honoured with the presence of the greatest living violinist—Jascha Heifetz. The plan is about filled already and he is sure of a great welcome on this, his second visit. Whether you are a lover of the violin or not, go to hear this virtuoso, for you are never likely to hear anyone greater. Just between ourselves, I think a few of us will also go with the hope of catching a glimpse of the beautiful wife, once the dearly loved screen star (memories of "The Grand Duchess and the Waiter," and "The Patriot")—Florence Vidor. (King's).

Comparisons are odious, so do not go to see "The Smiling Lieutenant" with only the thoughts of Maurice Chevalier in "The Love Parade." I kept the memories of that super picture locked away, so nothing spoils my genuine enjoyment. I think Director Lubitsch has gone a little further in his development of a story, and from the marvellous lesson taught by Charles Chaplin in "City Lights," learnt the value of music technique; there were little bits that were priceless. "The Smiling Lieutenant" is a neatly arranged version of the Oscar Strauss operetta, "The Waltz Dream." Just the romance of a merry philandering officer in the Imperial Austrian Palace Guards. Happy in the love of a pretty Beer garden violinist, when fate pushes him into a de-creed marriage with the princess of a small neighbouring kingdom, Niki can't forget his fascinating Franz until—Well, you will see a Vienna I remember with its lovely background of music and laughter, a pre-war Wien. I think one of the biggest attractions held for me by Lubitsch is his subtle humour, the sly knocks at people and nations; he seems to be laughing all the time. Take the King of the hokum kingdom, broad American accent and all. I like George Barbier. Lubitsch even descends to "Yellow Pressism," (good word that). I have heard that the play is naughty, and spicy; so many ad-jectives hurled at it. I admit it has its touches of vulgarity—the idea of the Beer garden violinist teaching the Princess Jazz, and the value of pretty underclothes. I was not shocked, only vastly amused. Watch the humour with the checker-board, and tell me if you could object. The lyrics are from the pen of an old friend, Clifford Grey, who has written all Chevalier's songs for many years now. Take note of the song at the breakfast table, and the pretty words of the famous waltz, the waltz you will leave the theatre humming. "Listen it calls you, now it is May. Take what it brings to you, Love for to-day." I thought I would crave for the lovely voice of Jeannette Macdonald. Strange to say, I enjoyed the singing and talking of the two delightful women. I will not hand the palm to either of them, for they are both equally good. Claudette Colbert is delightful as Franz. Just a small chance for drama, when she left that key on the door-step, and watch her beau geste as she "plays the game" by leaving lars. Francis Macdonald and the wife to her husband. Miriam Lloyd Hughes are both good, and a Hopkins, only seen here once previously in "Fast and Loose," as the prim Princess Anna, gives a marvellous performance. She does not study camera angles nor her mirror; just "plum natural." I have to go back to the early Charles Ruggles has too small a days to remember anything about

part. The acting honours fall upon four pairs of shoulders, and yet there is no denying that this picture is excellent.

Chevalier is always so boyishly enthusiastic about everything. He holds his own with that charm, a voice that does not count, as voices go, but bring on all your handsome juveniles, and I will back the Chevalier every time, both with men, women and children, and of all nationalities, too. You must see this picture more than once to thoroughly appreciate Lubitsch, Strauss, and the whole cast. Full marks to Paramount." (King's).

In "Mammy," Al Jolson, one of the world's greatest entertainers, rises above his story to give you full value for your money. I must



not forget the catchy songs by Irving Berlin, and the splendid support he receives from Lois Moran, Louise Dresser and Lowell Sherman. (Queen's).

The Queen's are offering two features next week. "The Second Floor Mystery" with two young people who had run away and secretly married just before this time. The King of the hokum kingdom, broad American accent and all. I like George Barbier. Lubitsch even descends to "Yellow Pressism," (good word that). I have heard that the play is naughty, and spicy; so many ad-jectives hurled at it. I admit it has its touches of vulgarity—the idea of the Beer garden violinist teaching the Princess Jazz, and the value of pretty underclothes. I was not shocked, only vastly amused. Watch the humour with the checker-board, and tell me if you could object. The lyrics are from the pen of an old friend, Clifford Grey, who has written all Chevalier's songs for many years now. Take note of the song at the breakfast table, and the pretty words of the famous waltz, the waltz you will leave the theatre humming. "Listen it calls you, now it is May. Take what it brings to you, Love for to-day." I thought I would crave for the lovely voice of Jeannette Macdonald. Strange to say, I enjoyed the singing and talking of the two delightful women. I will not hand the palm to either of them, for they are both equally good. Claudette Colbert is delightful as Franz. Just a small chance for drama, when she left that key on the door-step, and watch her beau geste as she "plays the game" by leaving lars. Francis Macdonald and the wife to her husband. Miriam Lloyd Hughes are both good, and a Hopkins, only seen here once previously in "Fast and Loose," as the prim Princess Anna, gives a marvellous performance. She does not study camera angles nor her mirror; just "plum natural." I have to go back to the early Charles Ruggles has too small a days to remember anything about



Mary Astor.

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"The Hottentot." Edward Everett Horton in a funny story about a horse and a steppes-chase. Plenty of laughs with Douglas Gerrard as the butler, and likeable Patsy Ruth amongst the first Talkies. Miller as the fair heroine. It was amongst the first talkies. (Queen's).

Cecil B. de Mille in all his glory. "Madam Satan" is due at the Star soon. You may like it but I will vouch for it being at least spectacular and gorgeous. The acting honours are in the capable hands of Roland Young. Kay Johnson, Reginald Denny and Lillian Roth help along the absurd story. The wreck of the Zeppelin is good "studio stuff." William Haines is not at his best in "Remote Control," but I think a Haines picture always worth at least one visit. (Star).

An obscure actress met a distinguished powerful producer. He recognized her talent, starred her on Broadway, and over-night she became a sensation. Together they went on to greater heights, he planning her career, devoting his genius to establish her at the top-most pinnacle of her profession. She was clever and accomplished and improved beyond recognition under his careful guidance. He loved her, of course. Of whom am I speaking? The first Lady of the Screen, Ruth Chatterton, and the man who made her the actress she is to-day is Henry Miller. The young woman decided she would act in musical comedy and Miller consented.

At that time a War-play called "Havoc" had just closed down on Broadway, and the juvenile lead, a chap named Ralph Forbes, whose



Ruth Chatterton.

greatest bid for popularity was an extraordinary likeness to the Prince of Wales, was sent for. He went to the flat of Miss Chatterton, and five days later they eloped. Their marriage broke the heart of the older man and he died. The young couple went to Hollywood. The great star did nothing, but shone in the reflected glory of her famous movie-hero husband. They parted, but never ceased to love each other. Ruth returned to Broadway.

Along came a revolution, the talkies, when people who could speak were in demand. The actress returned to Hollywood, and has swept on from one triumph to another. The lover husband? he now plays second fiddle, and they do say his head has been turned by the great success of his wife. I can safely say that their married life anyhow is an ideally happy one. To the Central comes what I think is one of Miss Chatterton's greatest parts—that of the dual role in "The Right to Love." She does a very difficult part perfectly, and the double photography is well managed. Paul Lukas is good, and also David Manners, but it is the work of Miss Chatterton which is the

attraction; she has seldom done better. (Central).

Next attractions at the Central include Lew Ayres in "Up for Murder," in which Genevieve Tobin gives strong support. Do not miss May Robson in "Mother's Millions." Both are Universals, and first rate pictures.

"East Lynne," one of the finest pictures of the year, is coming to the King's on December 13.

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

Irene Rich is about to divorce her second husband.

Leatrice Joy, the second wife of John Gilbert, has recently married a rich Los Angeles business man.

Irving Richey is surprised at the "Fan Mail" he has received since he appeared in "An American Tragedy." He is now in New York to play with Tallulah Bankhead in "The Cheat." Tallulah is liked better by the critics, but she still



Tallulah Bankhead.

does not score on the screen as she has on the stage.

John Monk Saunders, the handsome husband of Fay Wray, has recently sold a Musical Comedy to a Broadway Producer. His war stories have had big success too; the lad is clever.

The young wife of Rudy Vallee has to live in California, so her husband is crooning to her over the wireless daily. He may be a flop in pictures but it is astonishing how successful he is on records and Radio.

Corlano Griffith is studying voice culture in an Academy in Vienna, where Doris Kenyon also studied for a time.

Jeannette Macdonald earned a lot of money and big success on the stage in Paris and London.

Miriam Hopkins has divorced her play-wright husband. Hollywood is responsible for many smashed romances.

Thelma Todd will now be known as Alison Lloyd.

A QUEEN'S GIFTS FOR YOUNG BRIDES.

Brides between the ages of 19 and 25 in Bulgaria are to receive wedding gifts from their Queen, provided they fulfil certain conditions.

The brides must be poor, and they must have been married between October 25 and November 1, in order to be eligible for the gifts. Daughters of soldiers killed in the war will be given first claim, then daughters of soldiers who were wounded, while others will be given a share—if there is anything left.

The funds for the gifts come from a sum of 20,000 lira (about £2,000) which a society of Italian ex-Service men recently placed at the disposal of the Queen of Bulgaria (formerly Princess Giovanna of Italy) on the anniversary of her marriage, for the purpose of providing wedding gifts for Bulgarian girls married on or about the anniversary of their sovereigns' wedding.

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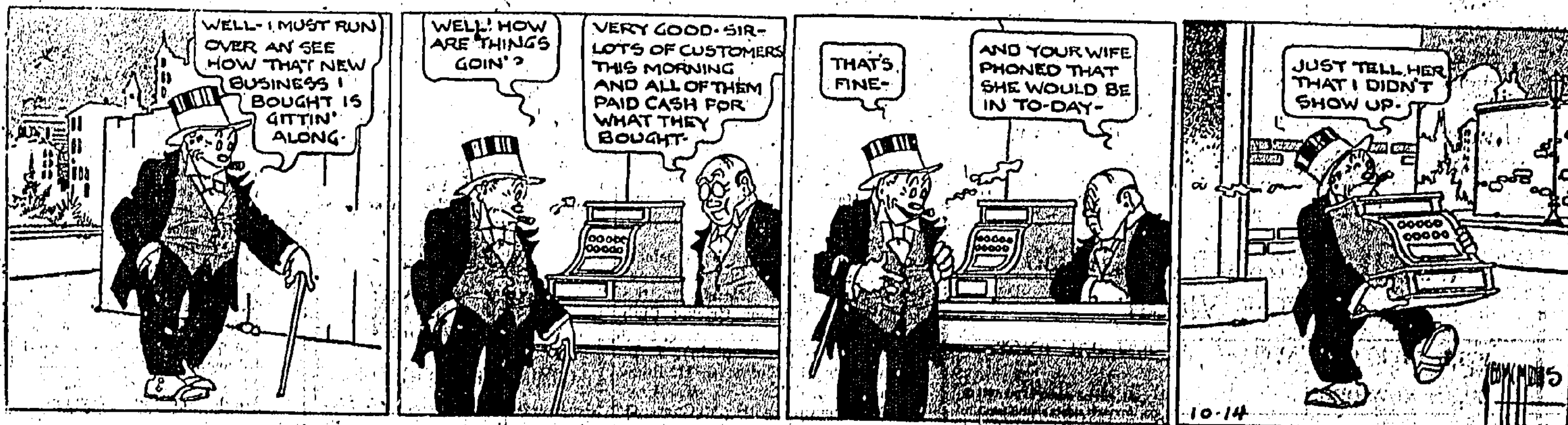
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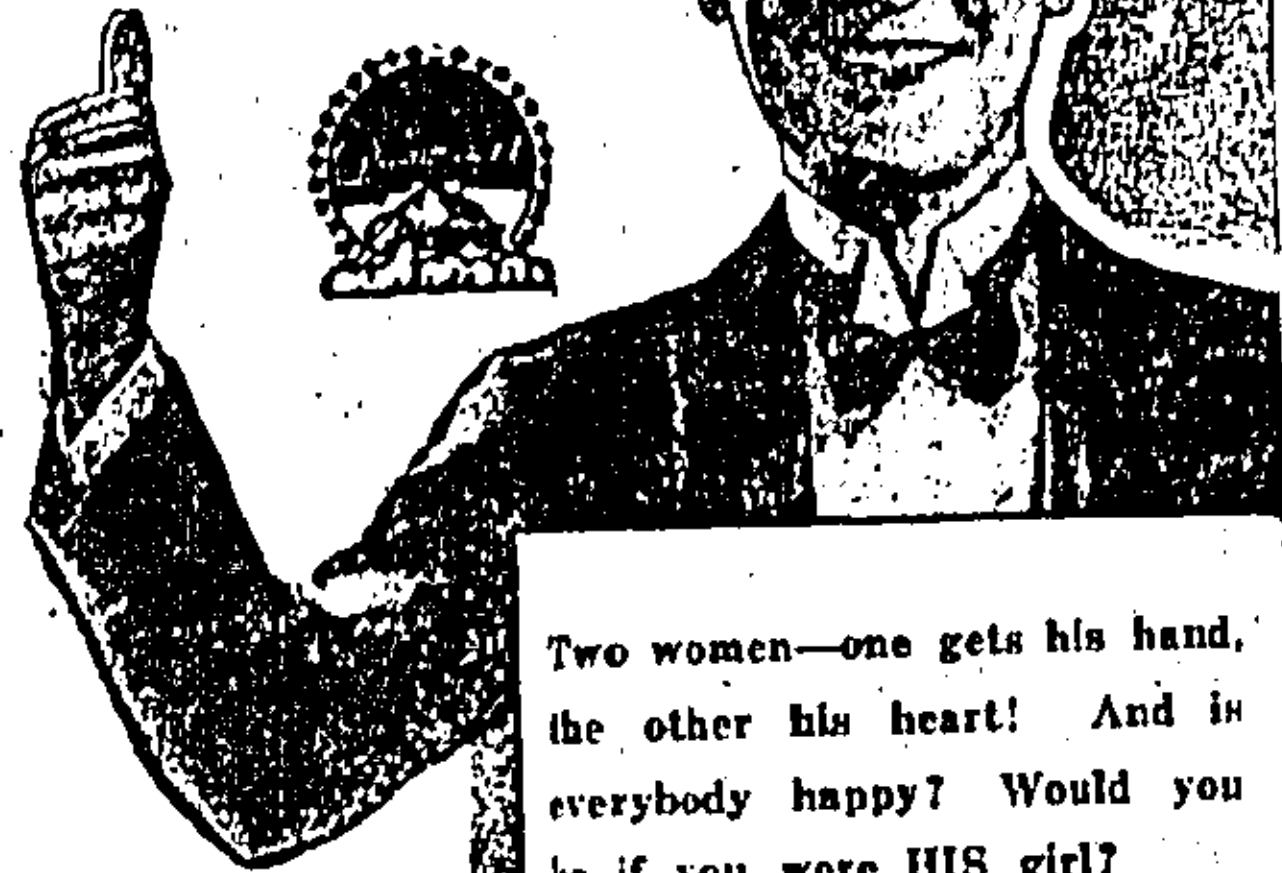
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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF.

Tennis Stars at H.K.C.C.

Brisbane, Yesterday.
Australia to-day won the First
Test Match against South Africa
by the large margin of an innings
and 163 runs.

Full results as cabled by Reu-
ter were as follow:—
Australia: 450 (D. G. Bradman
226, W. M. Wood-
full 76).

S. Africa: 170 (B. Mitchell 58,
Ironmonger 5 for
42).

117 (Wall 5 for 14,
Ironmonger 4 for
44).

The following is the draw for
the Taggart Cup in the Ladies'
Section of the Royal Hong Kong
Golf Club:—

Bye: Mrs. Piercy v. Mrs. Blaker;
Mrs. Roffey v. Miss Munro; Miss
Sutton v. Mrs. Langston; Mrs.
Buyers v. Mrs. Rodgers;

Mrs. Sheldon v. Mrs. Cassidy;
Mrs. Pearce v. Mrs. Newbigging;
Miss Stevenson v. Miss Mackie;
Mrs. Sherry v. Miss Coppin; Mrs.
Brown v. Mrs. Morse; Mrs. Gordon
v. Mrs. Dodwell; Miss Robinson v.
Mrs. Stewart; Mrs. Lindsell v.
Mrs. Fletcher.

The first round is to be played
by December 17; the second by
January 7; the third by January
21; the fourth by February 4 and
the final on February 11.

From Friday, December 18 till
January 5 there will be a Medal
Competition on the New Course,
Fauling, for the best aggregate
score on three cards. Not more
than five cards per player. A
Prize will be presented by the
Section.

In the Captain's Cup Competition
in the Ladies' Section of the
R.H.K.G.C. Mrs. Rodgers qualified
with a score of 108-36-72. The
November Medal Pool at Fauling
was won by Mrs. Valentine 103-
36-67. Mrs. Roffey's Prize,
played for at Fauling on Decem-
ber 1, was won by Mrs. Tottenham
(93-24-69).

The Hong Kong Cricket Club
courts yesterday were the scene
of some really first-class tennis
when Hyotaro Sato, Kawachi and
Fujikawa, the three Japanese play-
ers who are on their way to In-
dia, indulged in a knock up.

Sato showed a definite superi-
ority and his agility at the net is
deserving of the highest praise.
Kawachi was excellent in his
ground strokes and perhaps a
little steadier than his compatriot,
but he did not display the same
polish which features Sato's game.
Fujikawa, the youngest of the trio
and Japan's leading youngster, is
only 17 years of age. A year or
two in either England or America
would bring out the finer qualities
of his game in a very short space
of time and he has undoubtedly a
splendid career in front of him
providing he can get the experi-
ence.

The first Caer Clark Cup match
of the Ladies' Section of the
R.H.K.G.C. was played at Sookun-
poo to-morrow, at 3.30 p.m., between St. Andrew's
and Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey
Club. The following team will
represent Hong Kong:—

M. Bird; E. M. Gray; J. Smalley;
E. O'Hagan; E. M. Pope; M. L.
Wallace; A. McElroy; M. A. Jones;
E. Bonnar; C. Ferguson; and A. C.
Orme.

The Club de Releco Ladies' are
playing the Hong Kong Ladies'
Hockey Club 2nd XI on the Navy
ground at Happy Valley to-morrow
at 3 p.m. The following team will
represent Hong Kong:—

N. Ferguson; B. Franklin; A.
Nicol; N. Cooper; E. Ross; M.
Hudson; E. S. Laid; J. Whyte;
P. M. Harrop; E. Blackburn; and
R. King.

The following have been select-
ed to represent the Indian Recrea-
tion Club in a friendly match
against the Kowloon Cricket Club
to-morrow:—

A. A. Rummah (captain), F. D.
Perry; A. H. Madar; A. H. Rum-
mah; A. R. Minu; A. K. Minu;
S. R. Kermani; J. B. A. Curran;

COVENTRY OUT OF THE CUP.

Orient Score Twice at Home.

DONCASTER & BARROW DRAW.

London, Yesterday.
Two further replays in the First
Round of the English Cup were
staged yesterday with the follo-
wing results:—

Doncaster 1 Barrow 1
(after extra time.)
Orient 2 Coventry 0
—Reuter.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB XI.

Against Navy.

The following will represent the
Hong Kong Cricket Club against
the Royal Navy at King's Park to-
morrow at 2 p.m.:—

H. Owen Hughes (captain), A.
Reid, A. C. Beck, E. R. Duckitt,
A. J. Wolff, Capt. Mirohouse,
R. R. Davies, G. E. R. Divett,
L. D. Kilbee, C. A. Wright, and
A. C. I. Bowker.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL

CRICKET—To-morrow—League
I.—Navy v. Hong Kong C.C.;
Civil Service C.C. v. Royal Ar-
tillery; K.C.C. v. I.R.C. (F.);
League II.—Police v. R.A.S.C.;
I.R.C. v. K.C.C. (F.).

HOCKEY—To-day—Hong Kong
Hockey Club "A" v. H.M.S.
Tamar at King's Park at 5 p.m.

To-morrow—Caer Clark Cup
H.K.L.H.C. v. St. Andrew's at
Sookunpoo at 3.30 p.m.; H.K.L.H.C.
II v. Releco at Happy Valley.

GOLF—To-morrow—Royal
Hong Kong Golf Club Captain's
Cup.

Sunday—Royal Hong Kong Golf
Club Championship First and
Second Rounds and Captain's Cup.

BOXING—To-day—Royal Navy
Championships at the Theatre
Royal at 8 p.m.

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—First
Division—Police v. Borderers; Re-
leco v. Navy; Kowloon v.
Argylls; Club v. St. Joseph's;
12th Batty; Kowloon v. Navy;
Argylls v. Club; Borderers v.
R.A.O.C.; Third Division—R.A.F.
v. R.E.; Radio v. St. Joseph's.

LAWN BOWLS—To-morrow—
Kowloon Dock Recreation Club
Closing Day at 3 p.m.

H.K. CRICKET CLUB SECOND ELEVEN.

Against Releco.

The following will represent the
Hong Kong Cricket Club 2nd XI
against the Club de Releco on
the H.K.C.C. ground at 2 p.m. to-
morrow:—

R. H. Dowler (captain), R. K.
Heppburn, E. R. West, P. W. J.
Planner, C. E. Gahagan, F. A. M.
Elliott, L. A. Whips, J. R. Ratten,
R. S. W. Paterson, J. M. Sunley,
and A. C. Brane Hartnell.

S. A. Ismail, O. Ismail, and A. R.
Abbas.
Reserves:—A. T. Barma and
J. M. A. Rummah.

In their League Football match
against the South Wales Borderers
on the St. Joseph's ground to-
morrow, the Police will be repre-
sented by the following:—

Fraser; Perkins; Brittain;
Thorpe, Channing, Dowman; Corn-
wall, Hudson, Moss, Shepherd,
and C. Pile.

Reserves:—Jessop and Williams.

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POLICE WIN AT BASKETBALL.

Ying Wah College Lose.

At a game of basketball played
on the Central Police Station com-
pound ground yesterday evening,
the Hong Kong Police Indians de-
feated the Ying Wah College team
by 22 points to 13. The game was
witnessed by a large crowd.

THE MAMAK HOCKEY TOURNEY.

Rules and Officials.

The following points of interest
concerning the Mamak Hockey
Shield Competition have been sent
to us by the Chairman:—
Officials.

President:—Eric W. Hamilton
Esq.
Chairman:—Mr. O. England
White.

Secretary:—Mr. C. C. Francis.
Committee members:—Mr. F. A.
Kemp, Mr. J. A. de Soares, Mr.
E. V. Marshall, Mr. N. A. E.
Mackay, Mr. F. Allen, and Mr.
H. R. Hirst.

The Select Committee will con-
sist of the Chairman, the Secre-
tary and one nominated member
of the committee.

RULES.

Period of Tournament.

It was decided that all matches
should be played off by March 12,
1932. The presentation of the
Shield would be made on Saturday,
March 26, 1932, at Sookunpoo,
when a match, Champions v. The
Rest, should be staged.

The following rules were
formulated by the committee:—

1. The Competition to be named
The Mamak Hockey Competi-
tion.

2. The competition to be con-
ducted according to the
League system, i.e., each team
would have to play every
other team in the tournament
twice.

3. Two points will be awarded
for a win and one point for a
draw.

4. Should the two leading teams
finish with a similar number of
points a replay will be en-
forced.

5. Duration of Play.—Minimum
of 20 minutes each way.
Maximum of 30 minutes each
way. Postponement or can-
cellation of games to be left
to the discretion of the re-
feree.

6. Hockey Gear.—Each team to
provide their own Hockey
Gear including balls (stand-
ardised size 5½ ozs.) except
in the match Champions v.
The Rest when the committee
will be responsible.

7. A list of players forming a
team to be sent in to the
Secretary. Players can only
play for the one team repre-
sented. A breach of this rule
would mean disqualification of
the team for which he plays.

8. Should a reserve be selected
to play in a match, in the ab-
sence of the member of the
team he cannot be replaced
during that match.

9. Time of grace for failure to
attend at schedule time will
be ten minutes from stipulat-
ed time of starting.

10. Written protests to be sent in
to the Secretary within 48
hours of termination of the
game.

11. The committee have full
powers of disqualification.

12. Any team dropping out during
the season forfeits all points
won during previous matches,
and all points scored against.

13. In the event of team colours
coinciding the home team will
play in colours.

14. Referees.—The following re-
ferees were nominated by the
committee:—Messrs. Ormerod,
Townsend, Karnall Singh,
Johnson, Guest, Glichrick,
Allen, J. S. Grewal, Surjit
Singh, and Sgt. Weyman.

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A Court Martial, in connection with the stranding and
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on the north side of Tung Yung Island in the early hours
of November 12 last, was opened on board H.M.S. Medway
on November 26, when the Navigating Officer, Lieutenant
Pratt was on trial. Great tribute was paid to the officers
and personnel of the ill-fated ship, by Admiral Sir Howard
Kelly. Later, on H.M.S. Tamar, Commander D. C. Lanz,
was also put on trial. A detailed report of the interesting
proceedings is chronicled in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

A feast of colour marked the Jubilee Ball of the Hong
Kong St. Andrew's Society which was held in the Penin-
sula Hotel on November 27. Over one thousand people
attended, and took a keen part in the consuming of the
haggis and the barley brie. Official guests included H.E.
Sir William Peel and Lady Peel, Admiral Sir Howard and
Lady Kelly, Sir Shou-son Chow and H.E. the General
Officer Commanding (Major-General Sandilands). A full
account of the brilliant function is recorded in the
OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Numerous thrills were witnessed at the Twelfth
Extra Race Meeting held at Happy Valley on November
28. Of the seven official events, there were two dead
heats, whilst Sitting Bull, justified his holiday in the
North, by winning the biggest race of the afternoon, the
St. Andrew's Stakes. On the whole, dividends were satis-
fying, Sunning paying out \$181.60 in the fifth race.
The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL contains a detailed
report of the meeting.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Hong Kong's "Grand Old Man"
and Lady Ho Tung, celebrated their Golden Wedding An-
niversary on December 2, when a largely attended function
was held in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel. In
the morning, they received at their home in Seymour
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Leung Kuk, the Twenty-four Merchants' Guild and the
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The China Mail

Hong Kong, Friday, Dec. 4, 1931.

A Press Bureau?

Two or three years ago certain dissatisfaction was expressed with the slipshod methods then in vogue in regard to official news for the Press. It was certainly useless going to heads or even deputy heads of Departments: a reference had always to be made to a still higher quarter for gracious permission to release communications of a vital import or to condescendingly grant an interview on any particular topic. Then, likewise, the system—or, rather, lack of system—of releasing official statements left much to be desired. Generally, one newspaper was favoured by the receipt of an official document that ought to have been sent to all newspapers simultaneously. A plea was made in these columns for the institution of a Press Bureau on the lines of that existing in the large Indian cities for over three decades. The suggestion was not unfruitful. A compromise was made by placing a Press table in each of the more important Departments, to which Press men could have recourse in the quest for news of the day without harassing busy officials. This system, it is true, has had a mixed reception. It has been a complaint that only very perfunctory communications have been placed on the Press tables, and that at very rare intervals. It may be that heads and sub-heads of Departments still do not feel themselves at liberty to release official documents to the Press, and they may feel that the Press representatives can still always go to a higher quarter if they have reason to believe that certain news is available.

The Press tables having failed

to fulfil the function for which they were intended, it is quite clear that the authorities have drifted back to the bad old slipshod methods of releasing official communications. One newspaper is favoured to the disadvantage of others. For instance, one was enabled to publish the annual report of the Education Department some days before the others. The same applied to the final report on the Census of the Colony. To-day two morning papers have been "officially informed" of the Government's intentions relating to "tolerated houses" and "red-light districts." Up to the moment of penning these lines no such official information has reached us! Why?

Admitted that on this occasion the subject is not one on which a "newspaper scoop" is desired, the principle still remains. Why should one section of the British Press be singled out for favours at the hands of the authorities? All the people do not read both morning papers to the exclusion of the evening ones any more than they adhere to the evening newspapers and eliminate their morning contemporaries. Each newspaper has a particular clientele of its own, and if the Government is desirous of publishing its policy on any matter it should ensure that a communiqué reaches all four daily newspapers simultaneously. It has in its service sufficient typists, typewriters, and messengers to meet the convenience of fifty daily newspapers. Why, then, so far as the Press is concerned, make fish of one and fowl of another? During local crises all the newspapers, without exception, are solid in support of the Government. That support is poorly requited during normal times by the very unsatisfactory and unfair system of releasing official communications for publication!

From Other Pens.

The Voice of Thunder.
The older moralists—or, at least, the sort who were set to work on children—used to say that the way to be good was to hearken to the still, small voice

of conscience. But the trouble is that the voice in question so often mumbles its admonitions in an undertone which is easily disregarded. It needs amplifying—and apparently the need has now been met. The "Star" reports a scheme for booming rather than bombing rebellious tribesmen into a better frame of mind. Aeroplanes will be sent up, but instead of dropping bombs they will carry a device for enormously extending the sound of the human voice; the erring tribesmen will be told to behave themselves, in their own language, by a voice of thunder which will descend from an aeroplane hidden by the clouds.

The effect is said to be "erie and awe-inspiring" in the extreme. It may well be. One cannot help feeling sorry for the poor sheik who is sitting outside his tent and thoughtfully dropping a pull-through down the family blunderbuss when a voice from the skies suddenly roars "Put that gun down and go to bed this very minute!" It would be almost better to have a blowing-up from a real bomb. Besides, who can guarantee that this alarming weapon will be confined to the desert? What about the next general election—will candidates stupefy whole townships by election addresses from aloft?—Manchester Guardian.

Mr. Wells Rides a Storm.

Bitter are the sweets of publicity. Mr. Wells, who is at present in New York superintending the publication of his new book, has already been in hot water with the interviewers. They have discovered an article by Lunacharsky, in which the Bolshevik commissar declares that Mr. Wells once told him that Mr. Galsworthy was a snob. The American interviewers have assumed that the conversation took place in Russia. But Mr. Wells has not been in Russia for over ten years. What did happen was that when Lunacharsky and his wife came to Britain a year ago Mr. Wells asked them to luncheon.—Evening Standard.

How to Bag Lions.

Custodians of the Kruger National Park, South Africa, have issued a pamphlet for the guidance of tourists which includes advice on how to act when meeting lions, writes a paragraphist. Among other hints the visitor is advised "not to show alarm if the animals stand and stare at your car, as probably they have never seen a car before and are overwhelmed with astonishment."

This may be the right way to behave before lions, but it hardly seems the most respectful. Such a calm ignoring of all the awesome attributes long claimed for the King of Beasts has never been equalled—except, perhaps, by the editor of one of the earliest of South African newspapers.

Printing a letter from an inexperienced (and possibly imaginary) correspondent seeking information "how to obtain a good bag of lions in the Kalahari Desert," the editor appended a crisp note: "The Kalahari is principally composed of sand and lions. First sift the sand through a large sieve, when only the lions will remain. These you place in a bag carried for the purpose."—Ceylon Observer.

REPORTED NEGOTIATIONS.

B.S.A. To Acquire A. J. Stevens?

It is reported that the Birmingham Small Arms Co. has acquired the goodwill of A. J. Stevens and Co., the motor-cycle manufacturing firm, which recently went into liquidation.
Cmdr. Herbert, of B.S.A. Cycles, however, states that negotiations have not been brought to a conclusion.

PUREE DE POIS

By
BESOMORO.

EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES OF TRAVEL.

Mr. A. C. Ballard, of London, declares himself to be a firm believer in the "educational advantages of travel." Being a man of means, he has decided to invite 200 or more schoolboys to go on a tour of the world with him. A liner is to be chartered, he will personally conduct the tour, and at every port of call the boys are to be given an opportunity of studying local conditions or improving their knowledge of languages.

It was Bacon who said: "Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man." He may rightly have added, and travelling maketh a sympathetic man. There is a great deal to be said in favour of Mr. Ballard's scheme, though, I am not convinced that the amount of money to be spent, which he says, "is immaterial," is being spent to the best advantage. It seems to me that the money could be laid out to better purpose for educational purposes. That, however, is a matter of opinion. It is, however, to be hoped, that the selected schoolboys will not be possessed of the types of mind flood meant when he wrote:

"Some minds improve by travel, others rather

Resemble copper wire or brass,
Which gets the narrower by going farther."

"DRY DRUNKENNESS."

This is a state, according to psychiatric experts, into which a fanatical smoker or nicotine addict may fall when deprived of tobacco. It is a plea, which is to be submitted in a German court, for an acquittal on a charge of murder preferred against a man, who used to smoke some 80 cigarettes a day. It appears that the man lost his job, and loafing around one day was seized with such a wild desire for a smoke that he accosted a man and asked him for a cigarette. Unfortunately, the man turned out to be a plain clothes man, who turned down the request, and fumbled in his pocket to produce his official metal sign. Mistaking that movement, the fanatic drew his revolver and fired several shots at the detective, killing him instantaneously.

It will be interesting to read what the court decides when before it is propounded the question—Is a fanatical smoker mentally responsible for a murder committed for the sake of one cigarette?

A DEFIANT BANISHEE.

According to reports of a case in a local police court, a banishee, on being sentenced to a term of imprisonment for a breach of the Deportation Ordinance, "glared hard at the magistrate and muttered," and continued to be truculent after being warned. The magistrate, thereupon, enhanced the punishment already meted out to the banishee. An extra month's imprisonment was added to the sentence already passed on him. It seems to me, this was inadequate for it falls in its purpose. A few strokes of the rattan would have brought home the lesson more effectively. Our magistrates appear to be overlooking this means of teaching offenders lessons. Why not employ the cane more? A whipping is a cheaper form of punishment than imprisonment for a period of months or even weeks, and more effective. And, to-day when prisons are said to be over-crowded and economy is aimed at, I say use the cane more frequently.

THE RAILWAY GAUGE.

What was the origin of the modern railway gauge? Have you not sometimes thought about that? How did the standard gauge of 4ft. 8½in. come to be adopted by most railways? The generally accepted theory has been that the wheels of waggons in the XVth. and XVIIth. Centuries were about 5ft. apart, and that when rail transport was introduced this distance was slightly modified to enable the wheels to fit the rails. But recent researches and excavations in the neighbourhood of Hadrian's Wall indicate, it would appear, that by a strange coincidence the modern railway carriage is a direct lineal descendant of the Roman chariot, and that chariot tracks made nearly 2,000 years ago were ultimately responsible for the railway gauge of to-day.

News in Brief.

Yesterday's lowest open air temperature was 67 degrees. The humidity was 75 at 10 a.m. and 72 at 4 p.m.

Lane, Crawford, Ltd., have issued a handy little desk calendar for 1932 in the familiar red and gold frame of former years.

Shown locally a few years ago as a silent, the talkie version of "The Unholy Three," an excellent film, is now playing at the Star Theatre, Kowloon. Although Lon Chaney is dead, he is literally living on the screen. His acting as a ventriloquist, in this film, is wonderful. "The Unholy Three" is his only talkie, and it is a marked success.

Booking is now open at the Anderson Music Co., for the forthcoming production of "Miss Hook of Holland" by the Philharmonic Society as advertised elsewhere in this paper. Seven performances will be given, the opening night being on Friday, December 11, at 9.15 p.m. Children will be charged half price to all seats. Intending patrons are requested to book early.

It is advertised that La Salle College, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, will be open for the admission of Day Boys for Classes 8 to 2 inclusive, on and after December 1, 1931. Boarders will be admitted on and after January 7, 1932. Prospectuses may be had on application to the Director, the Rev. Brother Almar, La Salle College or the Rev. Brother Mathias, the Director of St. Joseph's College, Hong Kong.

Personal Para.

Mr. T. N. Chau M.A. (Oxon) has been appointed an unofficial member of the Legislative Council in succession to Sir Shou-son Chow, who has retired.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Lauder returned to the Colony to-day by the P. & O. s.s. Rajputana.

Sir Henry and Lady Pollock returned to Hong Kong by the Ravalpindi yesterday.

Mr. L. R. Andrews, Treasury Solicitor, returned from Home leave by the P. & O. s.s. Ravalpindi.

To-day's Thought.

Some think they are stable when they are only stubborn.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of December 4, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7½.

Asked to-day about the arrangements for the huge Chinese trade exhibition which, as announced recently, is to be held in Hong Kong, the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, President of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, said that steps had been taken to select a suitable site over on the mainland, but otherwise the scheme was still very much in its preliminary stage. Mr. Lau said that the promoters had hoped to hold the exhibition in March next, but personally, in view of the great amount of organising work that had to be done first, he doubted whether they would be able to get going before 1922.

One of the problems that had to be solved in the housing of the crowds of visitors who will doubtless be attracted from the Chinese provinces as well as from other parts of the world, and Mr. Lau thinks that accommodation will probably have to be provided for them on the site of the exhibition. All this will require a capital of some millions of dollars, so the promoters will need to make their plans carefully.

THE TALE OF THE TOMBSTONE

ON THE ROAD FROM TOULON TO HYERES.

By
H. T. H.

We had been comfortable in Toulon. The food was good, the sleeping good, the harbour good to look at. We had done good business there as well. In Jack's knapsack there were four yards of embroidered scarlet that had been a bishop's cope, a length of blue brocade, scarcely faded, with the story of St. Francis worked in fine silver thread, and a sampler picture of the harbour three foot square that was like nothing we had ever seen for delicacy and detail. We had had to pay well for them all—but someone else, we knew, would pay us better.

Toulon had been good, but it was a long way behind. Hyeres was a long way ahead. Hours before the bus came by I had repented of the wish to walk. "Walk on for an hour or two," I had suggested, warm with breakfast coffee, the day bright but not yet scorching. "The bus can catch us up." At last it did. It was half-empty. I sat beside the driver. Jack, who wanted change of company and didn't resent garlic, took a seat at the back beside a fisherman. Odd words of his conversation reached me through the roaring of our engine. He was explaining to the fisherman a good way of mending nets.

"Do you know this road?" the driver asked. "No? Ah, then I will explain to you the sights of interest." Here the road had been swept away by a fall of stones. At this house gentlemen from Britain came to shoot the partridge in the Autumn. Four lighthouses at once were visible from the top of this ascent.

We passed a small white cross. "And what is that?" I asked. "Is there a story about that white stone cross?" There was indeed.

"M. Bouin was rich, very rich. He owned the two finest vineyards in the district. His own estate provided for him all the necessities of life, besides paying the wages of his servants. The money from the vineyards was sheer profit. The money grew. The vineyards were extended. But, alas, M. Bouin had no children; he had only nephews. From Marseilles to the Ile de Porquerolles his nephews were notorious. Their drinking-bouts! Their debts! Their formidable

debaucheries! They were wicked as cuttlefish and greedy as storks. Murder was even hinted at. Their evil-doing was limited only by their purse—once the vineyards were theirs it would be hardly limited at all. How they longed to receive their inheritance!

"At last M. Bouin died. The funeral was to be held in the village church and the will read at the house three miles away. The nephews made their preparations."

"The service was to be early in the morning. Every word by which it could be shortened was left out. Fast motor-cars and a fast motor-horse were to rush the party back from church to house—where the body was to be buried later on—for the reading of the will. One of the three had an aeroplane waiting to cheat his creditors if he should prove less favoured than the rest."

"The service was held while the nephews fidgeted and yawned. Once over, one sprang to the wheel of the hearse, while the others jumped aboard their racing cars. Away they went, swinging out into the road, scattering the peasants, tearing up the long white hill among the rocks. The road winds like a snail-shell. The walls of it are sheer. Suddenly, round a corner came the morning mailman from Toulon."

"The driver of the hearse let out a yell and jammed on all his brakes. The machine stopped half-hanging over the abyss. The second pulled his car up, touching. The third, who meant not to be left behind, drove—bang!—into the two in front, and all three cars rolled one over the other down the mountain slope."

Our driver swerved towards the sea to avoid a tourist's char-a-banc, and went on. "At last the cars came to rest. The hearse was smashed to pieces and the coffin flung against a rock. From it rose old M. Bouin. He removed the cotton-wool from ears and nostrils, and examined the bodies of his nephews. All were dead. Two days later they were buried. M. Bouin continued to enjoy his property for many years."

"That's an amazing story," I said. "Most interesting. I very much enjoyed the journey. May I urge you

THRILL FOR HEIFETZ.

An Adventure in Bucharest.

BLOCKED BY SOLDIERS.

When a great artist travels in foreign lands, many unscheduled happenings are likely to occur. Heifetz, who will be heard in recital at the King's Theatre this evening, has learned by this time to expect the unexpected. Last year his popularity resulted in a most embarrassing situation for him. He was playing in Bucharest and weeks before the concert the hall was completely sold out. One of the leading student bodies of the city who had failed to secure tickets was enraged. The "irate" young Rumanians called a meeting and swore to smash up the seats on the evening of the concert. Accordingly, when Heifetz arrived, he was informed that he had been forced by the situation into asking the protection of the Police.

The great night came. Heifetz with his accompanist arrived at the stage door to find it guarded by soldiers with bayonets. He tried to pass through. The guard demanded his ticket. In spite of Heifetz's explanations the soldier was adamant. He had orders: "No tickets, no admission." After endless pleading Heifetz was finally permitted to see the manager. The letter arrived, breathless and (Continued at foot of Column 5.)

to drink with me after that long drive? You won't be going back for some time I suppose?"

I might urge, and we did drink. It was half an hour before I returned. Jack was sitting at a cafe among a quantity of empty glasses talking to his fisherman. As I came up the fisherman shook hands and left us.

"A most amazing fellow!" said Jack. "Extremely interesting! Regular character! He told me the most astonishing story."

"Go on," I said, "let's have it." "Well, there's a small white cross on the roadside about ten miles back—you wouldn't have noticed it. But it's the burying place of the great British racehorse 'Rapier'."

"He was twenty years old, and had been running wild down here for five years on a British lord's estate, and the lord betted he could ride him fifteen miles across country in an hour—across this country, mind you, full of holes and precipices. He did it, but he broke the horse's heart." He paused. "I wish I could tell it you like that fellow did—made it amazingly real and vivid. Seemed almost as though it had happened to himself."

"Perhaps it had," I suggested.

LOCAL OPERA.

"Miss Hook of Holland."

FINAL REHEARSALS.

The final rehearsals of "Miss Hook of Holland" are now in progress and whatever the forecast as to the success of this forthcoming production by the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society, it should start as a favourite. The charm of its settings, the sincerity of its Dutch atmosphere, the excellence of its acting and the thoroughness of its direction combine to make "Miss Hook of Holland" a charming entertainment.

In Doris Bielby as Sally the heroine of the opera, the Society has been especially fortunate in its choice. What extraordinary ingenuity Sally had to have conceived the celebrated liquor "Cream of the Sky" around which centres the story of Miss Hook of Holland and which has brought fame and wealth to the house of Hook, and with equal cleverness does Doris Bielby portray Sally's charm and fascination.

The eight little Dutch girls seen often in the company of Sally throughout the opera are quite irresistible. Perhaps their greatest charm is being so typically little maids of Holland. One can justly anticipate their appearances on the stage being greeted with applause.

Mina is a girl who has the rather trying habit of prying into other people's business, but in spite of this her vivaciousness makes her a very lovable character and Anne Moody seems to have caught the spirit of this little Dutch girl, and one will be always happy at Mina's appearance on the stage.

George McLeod is well known on the concert platform to the Hong Kong public and it can be said that as the irascible old gentleman, Mr. Hook of Amsterdam, he has an excellent opportunity of bringing into play the ability which has characterized his other performances.

With these few comments the public is left to judge the excellence of this production by seeing the show themselves. Booking is now open at the Anderson Music Co. and it is particularly requested that seats should be booked at an early date to avoid disappointment. Children will be admitted at half price to all seats. The first performance is to be given on Friday, December 11, at 9.15 p.m.—Contributed.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

To-day—H.M.S. Midway Dance, Garrison Lecture Hall. To-day—Police Reserve Sharp-shooter's Company, dinner, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 7.45 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre: "A Warm Corner."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "The Bat Whispers."

To-day—Central Theatre: "The Right to Love."

To-day—Majestic Theatre: "Young Eagles."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Unholy Three."

To-day—King's Theatre Jascha Heifetz, 9.30.

Dec. 11—"Miss Hook of Holland," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Home Mails.

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Rajputana), 10.30 a.m.; for Europe via Siberia (Khyber), 5 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Kodaka's Pearl Exhibition, Messrs. Komor and Komor.

Sunday—St. Vincent de Paul Bazaar.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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Stockholm 18 3/16

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Oslo 18 1/2

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Madrid 40 1/2

Lisbon 109 1/2

Athens 262 1/2

Bucharest 670

Rio 4 1/2

Buenos Aires 40 1/2

Montevideo 31 1/2 Nom.

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Shanghai 1/10 11/32

Hong Kong 1/4 15/16

Yokohama 2/11 1/2

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—British Wireless Service.

Apologetic, only to discover that the soldiers would not listen to him; either only the superior officer could countermand the order! The next fifteen minutes were spent trying to locate the commanding officer. In the end matters were righted and Heifetz was allowed to enter and play his own concert. But the audience, which had waited a quarter of an hour beyond the scheduled time, never knew how near it had been to going Heifetz-less that night!

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Hermes—No. 1 buoy.

Kent—North arm.

Marathon—East wall.

Medway and Subs—No. 2 buoy.

Olympus—In dock.

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Porpoise—In dock.

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Seraph—North wall.

Stirling—North wall.

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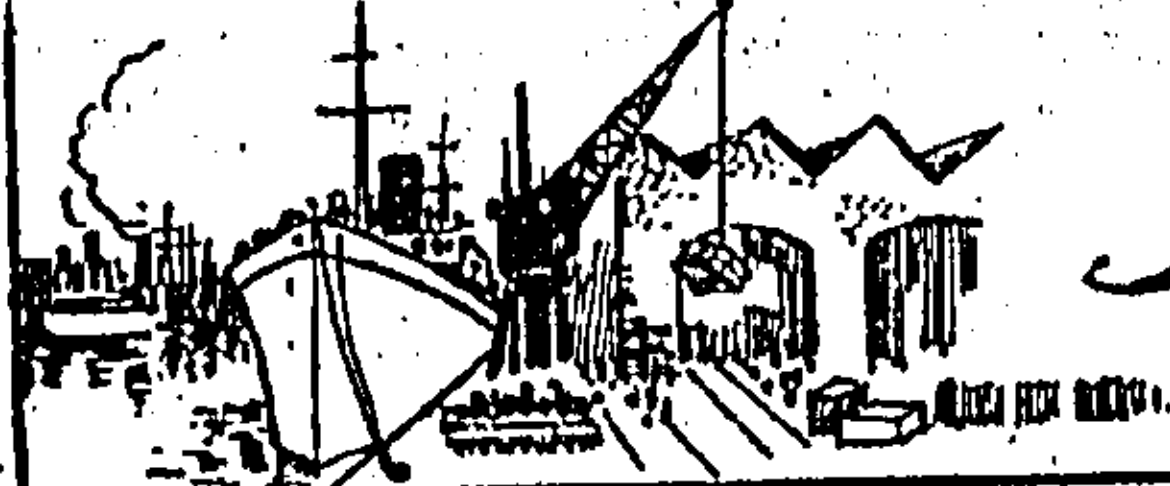
Tamar—Basin.

Foreign—Men-of-War.

Crocodile—French despatch vessel.

Gl Eanes—Portuguese transport.

Helena—American gunboat.



Shipping Intelligence.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, December 2.
Hikawa Maru, Japanese str., 6,787 tons, Capt. S. Akiyoshi, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.
Sunkong, Chinese str., 322 tons, Capt. Leung Pat, from K. C. Wan, Saikong Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.

Thursday, December 3.
Antung, British str., 2,107 tons, Capt. D. Lupton, from Amoy, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Apoey, British str., 1,776 tons, Capt. C. Boyce, from Saigon, buoy No. B18.—Wa Fat Sing.
Ardent, Norwegian str., 1,301 tons, Captain H. A. Johnson, from Bangkok, buoy No. B11.—K. Larsen & Co.

Argun Maru, Japanese str., 4,040 tons, Capt. I. Kawasaki, from Sankio, buoy No. A4.—O.S.K.
Bencruachan, British str., 3,760 tons, Capt. A. McCordquodale, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Chian Lee, Chinese str., 1,850 tons, Capt. K. Ishii, from Canton, buoy No. B18.—Yu Tai Hong.

Chenan, British str., 1,355 tons, Capt. R. Turnbull, from Canton, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

Chusan, British str., 1,338 tons, Capt. R. Kettlewell, from Canton, buoy No. C2.—B. & S.

Empress of Canada, British str., 12,811 tons, Capt. A. J. Halley, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—C.P.S.

Foo Lee, Chinese str., 859 tons, Captain Tanida, from Canton, buoy No. C4.—Shun Tai Hong.

Halvard, British str., 1,217 tons, Capt. A. Hall, from Hdkhow, West Point Wharf.—Wo Fat Sing.

Halvdan, Norwegian str., 671 tons, Capt. Halvaresen, from Saigon, buoy No. C6.—Thoresen & Co.

Hangsang, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. J. Moodie, from Canton, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.

Khybar, British str., 9,113 tons, Capt. E. A. J. W. Carter, from N.Y.K.

London, buoy No. A1.—M. M. & Co.

Kueichow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. E. H. Histed, from Weihaiwei, buoy No. C5.—B. & S.

Musang, British str., 2,063 tons, Capt. G. F. Matthews, from Sandakan, buoy No. B22.—J. M. & Co.

Montevideo Maru, Japanese str., 4,380 tons, Capt. M. Yamaguchi, from Kobe, buoy No. A2.—O.S.K.

Nanking, Swedish str., 3,486 tons, Capt. Ahlberg, from Shanghai, buoy No. A3.—Gillman & Co.

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Sipirok, Dutch str., 1,002 tons, Capt. Venema, from Palembang, Green Island.—J.C.J.L.

Sipora, Dutch str., 941 tons, Capt. A. Lindeman, from Samarinda, Green Island.—J.C.J.L.

Solviken, Norwegian str., 1,435 tons, Capt. N. Norvalis, from Canton, buoy No. A5.—Sing Kee & Co.

Szechuen, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. S. M. Barling, from Swatow, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.

Tilawa, British str., 6,153 tons, Capt. E. Coleborn, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

Yamato Maru, Japanese str., 2,763 tons, Capt. K. Narasaki, from Quang Yen, Kowloon Bay.—Hidaka & Co.

Yasukuni Maru, Japanese str., 7,158 tons, Capt. N. Segawa, from Shanghai, buoy No. A6.—N.Y.K.

CLEARANCES.

Thursday, December 3.

Akibasan Maru, for Hongay.

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December 4 to 10, 1931.

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Dec.	Standard Times	Standard Times
Fri. 4	H. M. F. H. M. F.	H. M. F. H. M. F.
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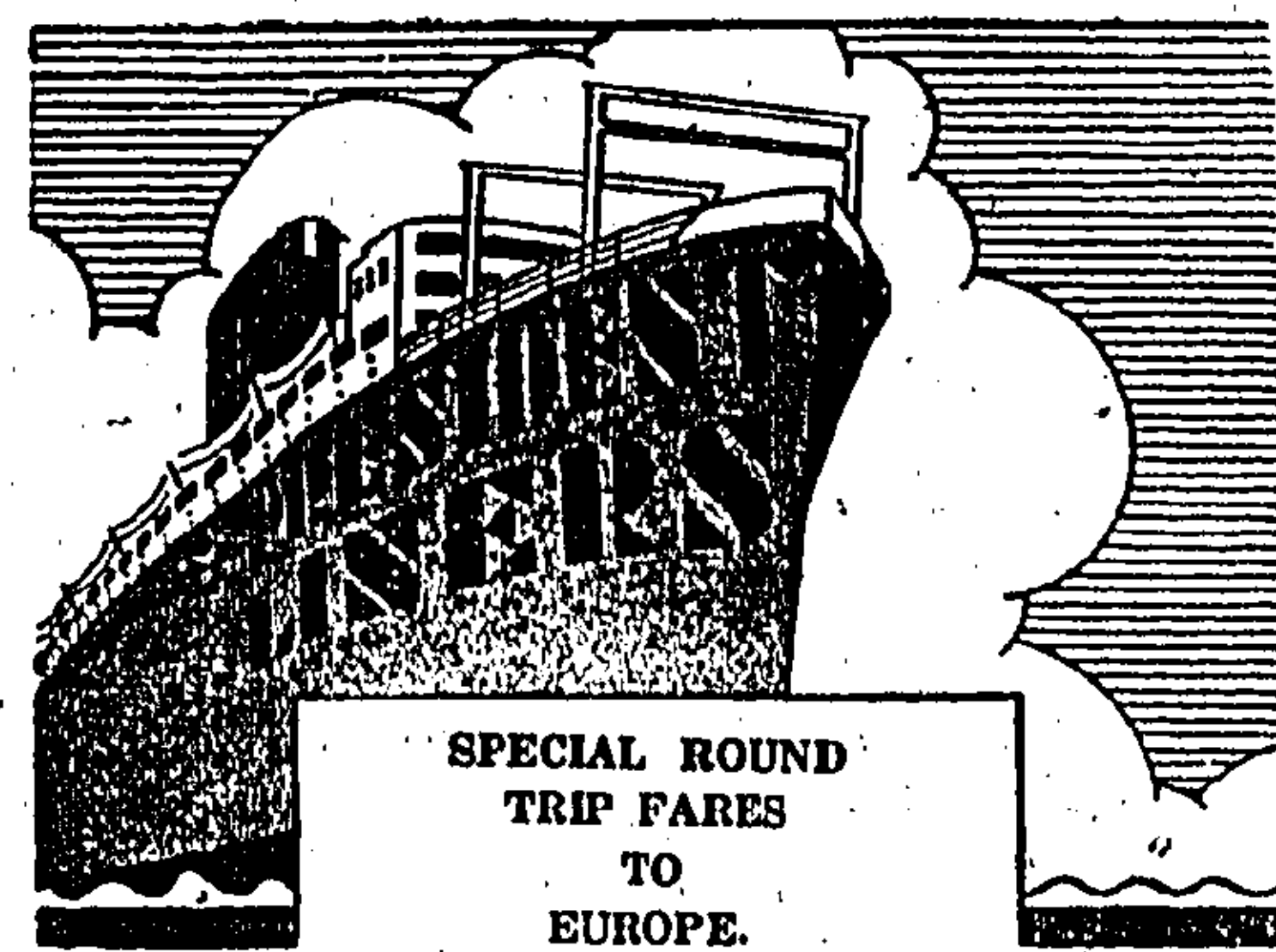
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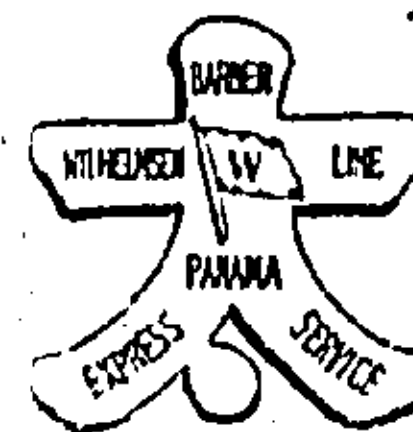
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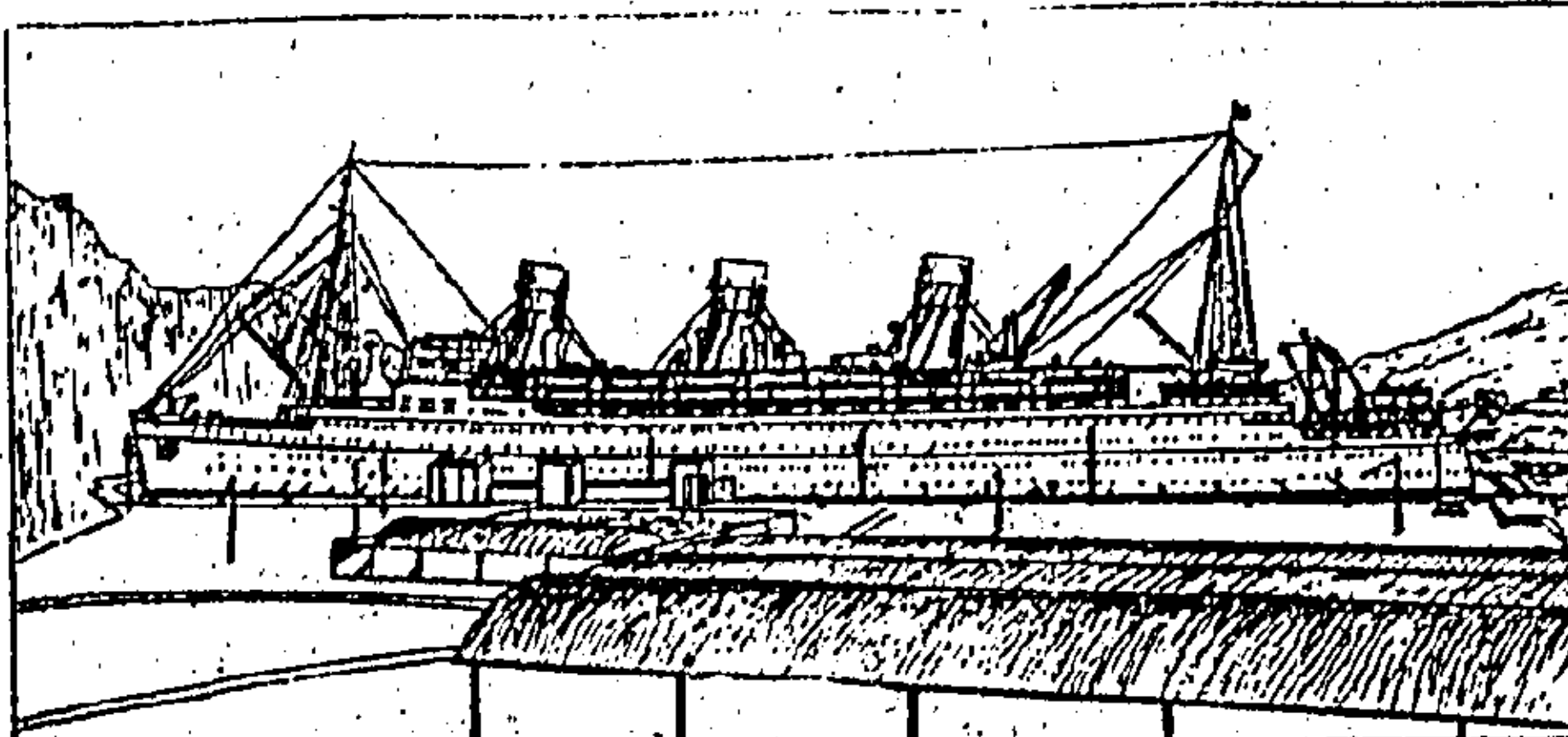
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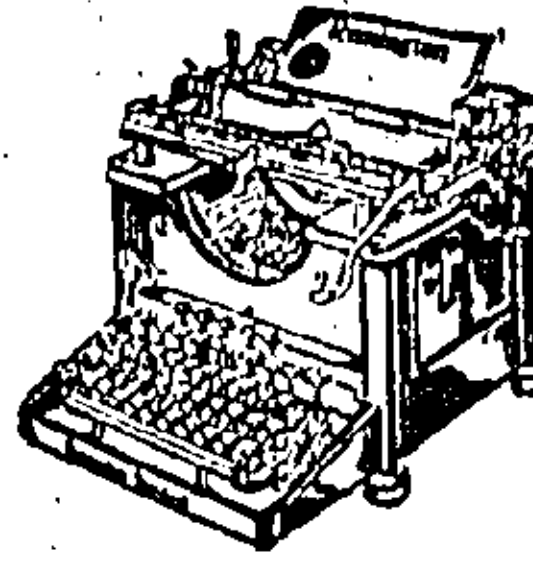
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Interesting Story of His Life.

A bit more than thirty years ago on the Pacific Coast, a new figure came into the shipping business, a man whose total previous training had been in lumber camps, a man who had toiled from his eleventh year to past the half century mark in all capacities from cook's boy to owner of extensive lumber interests. Need of transportation facilities from his California forests to market forced Captain Robert Dollar into the shipping industry and the purchase of the steam schooner Newsboy signalled his introduction.

The Newsboy.

Though small, the Newsboy was sturdy; her dimensions were: Length 129 feet, beam 29 feet, depth 9 feet, speed 7 to 8 knots in good weather. She was the acme of the Dollar fleet. To-day the company's leading representatives on the sea are the President Hoover and the President Coolidge, a far cry from the Newsboy which carried a crew of 11 men and no passengers. Yet the road from the Newsboy to to-day was not an easy one, nor rapid, but a slow, uphill fight through phases of sailing ships and freighters, eras of depression and periods of all but hopelessness. However, the progress was successfully heaved by Captain Dollar and his sons, with three ever present allies of the Dollar organization, Work, Work, Work.

"Trade Drummer."

It is not amiss to give a sketch of Captain Robert Dollar who, despite his 87 years, still is actively engaged in shipping as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Dollar Lines, of which his sons, R. Stanley and J. Harold, are president and vice-president respectively.

Robert Dollar was born in Falkirk, Scotland, March 20, 1844. Eleven years later he was a chore boy in the Canadian woods, then timekeeper. When a mere boy he purchased a Canadian farm on the installment plan. He was then getting but \$20 a month, but he paid for the farm and still owns it. Three years later he went into busi-

ness for himself, failed and for three years worked to pay off his debts. After straightening out his accounts, he moved, to the Pacific Coast and in 1893 at the age of 50, he established his first sawmill on the Pacific Coast. It was not until 1901 that Robert Dollar bought his first ship and cleared the Golden Gate with a cargo of Dollar lumber. This ship, the Newsboy, was Robert Dollar's first shipping venture.

From 1901 until 1923 Robert Dollar engaged in the shipping business on a small scale. In 1923, at the age of 80, he purchased a fleet of "President" liners from the United States Shipping Board, and shortly after established the now famous Dollar Line. Every step and every detail was worked out by the 80 year old former lumber man who was now a shipping executive. The first sailing was on January 5, 1924, when, at five o'clock sharp, the liner President Harrison cleared from San Francisco and sailed out the Golden Gate, westward on her first Round-the-World voyage. Robert Dollar was a passenger aboard that ship. On this trip he called on 400 shippers and prospective customers, drumming up business in all parts of the globe, and earning for himself the title of "Trade Drummer."

The following year Captain Dollar again sailed Round the World, this time making 480 personal calls. In all of his travels, five times Round the World and thirty one Round trips to the Orient, Captain Dollar has been accompanied by Mrs. Dollar, and it is with pride that the famous shipping executive credits no little portion of his success to her.

In addition to the Round-the-World service which is nearing its eighth year of smooth running, Captain Dollar has established a trans-Pacific service between New York, San Francisco and Manila, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Shanghai and Hong Kong. The New York-California-Orient service sailings are alternated with those of the Round-the-World fleet, offering the travelling public a weekly sailing from New York to California and the Orient.

In his work to create an everlasting trade between the United States and the Orient, Captain Robert Dollar has been ably assisted by his sons, R. Stanley and J. Harold Dollar. R. Stanley Dollar, the elder of the two has risen to a high place in the shipping fraternity of the world and is now president of the Dollar Steamship Lines and the American Mail Line, and is vice-president of the Robert Dollar Co., and the Pacific Steamship Co. J. Harold Dollar has devoted most of his years to the Oriental end of the Dollar Line, and a few years ago returned to the head offices of the Dollar Line at San Francisco where he now makes his headquarters. As vice president of the Dollar Steamship Lines and the American Mail Line, as well as director of a number of financial institutions, J. Harold Dollar finds life very busy. The third son, A. Melville Dollar, operates his own steamship line in British Columbia.

On Sundays and holidays the sons and their families gather at the beautiful home of Captain and Mrs. Robert Dollar, in San Rafael where the "Grand Old Man of the Pacific" and his "bride of 57 years ago" have lived since their migration to the Pacific Coast. The story of their life romance is a beautiful one.

"Mother."

Robert Dollar was a young man working from dawn till dusk in a lumber camp in the Canadian woods, when he met Miss Margaret Proudfoot, the girl who was to become his future wife. Shortly after they met he entered into business for himself and failed, going heavily into debt. It was in 1873, while still deeply in debt that Robert Dollar took Miss Margaret Proudfoot for his bride. Although the earlier years were filled with many hardships their life has been one continual honeymoon. To his countless friends the world-over he is Captain Dollar, but to Mrs. Dollar he is "Father" and to him, she is "Mother."

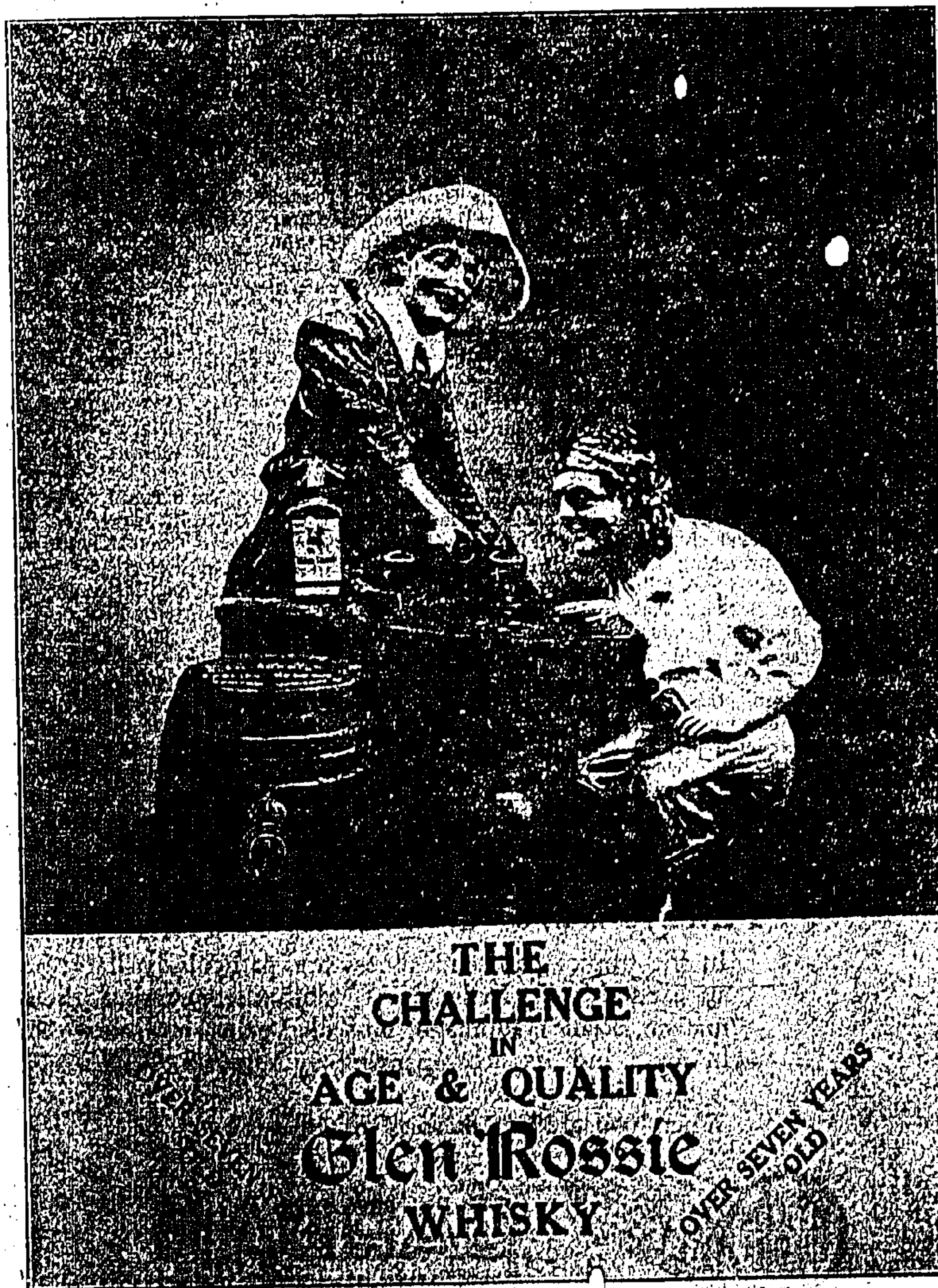
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RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:
5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-10 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.

7.05-7.23 p.m.—Operatic.
Gems from "Bohemian Girl" (Balfé),
Victor Light Opera Company
(35819).

Gems from "Aida" (Verdi),
Victor Light Opera Company
(35940).

8 p.m.—Local Time.
7.23-8.10 p.m.—A Concert.

Piano Solo—
Waltz in G Flat Major (Chopin),
To Spring (Grieg),
Myrtle C. Eaver (22153).

Song—
I Know a Lovely Garden
(Trenchard-D'Harlot),
Maria Jeritza (Soprano)
(1301).

Violin Solo—
Souvenir Poétique (Fibich),
To a Wild Rose (MacDowell),
Michel Guskoff (19892).

Chorus—
By the Waters of Minnetonka
(Laurance),
The Mormon Tabernacle
Choir (19829).

Piano Solo—
Invitation to the Waltz (Weber),
Alfred Cortot (1291).

Song—
Trees (Kilmer-Rasbach),
Ernestine Schumann-Heink
(Contralto) (1198).

Violin Solo—
Serenade in G Major (Arensky),
Minuet in G, No. 2 (Beethoven),
Mischa Elman (1434).

Song—
A Brown Bird Singing
(Barrie-Haydn Wood),
John McCormack (Tenor)
(1137).

8.10-8.21 p.m.—Band Selections.
Forge in the Forest (Michaelis),
Arthur Pryor's Band (19879).
The National Game (Sousa),
The Black Horse Troop (Sousa),
Sousa's Band (19741).

8.21-8.57 p.m.—Orchestral.
Overture from La Grande Paque
Russe (Rimsky-Korsakov),
Leopold Stokowski and the
Philadelphia Orchestra
(7018-9).

Lyric Suite (Grieg),
Royal Albert Hall Orchestra
Conducted by Sir Landon
Ronald (9073-4).

8.55-9.53 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal Duet—
Kentucky's Way of Sayin' Good-
Morning,
Tie Me to Your Apron Strings
Again,
The Brox Sisters (19921).

Song—
The Rogue Song,
The Narrative,
Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone)
(1446).

Comic Duet—
Down by the Winegar Volke,
Alison Stanley-Billy Murray.
Humorous Song—
Roll 'Em Girls,
Billy Murray (19338).

Instrumental Trio—
Happy Days,
Herd Girl's Dream,
Neapolitan Trio (19872).

Song—
Are You Sorry?
Then I'll be Happy,
Jack Smith (Whispering
Baritone) (19856).

Orchestral—
Marcheta,
What'll I Do,
Victor Salon Orchestra
(19870).

Song—
I Never Knew,
Gene Austin (Tenor).

Vocal Duet—
I Wonder Where My Baby is To-
night?
Henry Burr & Billy Murray
(19864).

Male Quartet—
Where the Sunset Turns the Ocean's
Blue to Gold,
Where the Silver Colorado Winds
its Way,
Peerless Quartet (19885).

a sorry fact that the great Euro-
pean nation whose Asiatic inter-
ests are paramount refused to co-
operate. Will Whitehall never learn?

Fortunately the position is not entirely lost. Opinion gathers weight that the world's gold supply is inadequate to finance world commerce. The salient fact emerges that for every ounce of gold won from Mother Earth man recovers 14 ozs. of silver. Apparently Nature herself has stabilised the white metal in relation to gold. Let man implement this great natural law with some judicious adaptation of the statute given to the world by the great Colonne. Canada has notified her attitude to such action. In this great crisis we must not permit Mr. Tite Barnacle to bar progress. The departments must, if needed, be disciplined by the executive. I am convinced that only by some sane, considered measure relative to silver can civilisation be saved from the destination and misery that I left in China three weeks ago.

Budget Deficit's Causes.

England's colossal Budget deficit has been caused by an alarming shrinkage of efforts, plus the stupendous cost of maintaining about three million unemployed with their dependants. Ledger entries in New York and Paris will not save us. A fifty-word Order in Council restoring the original fineness of our silver coinage would completely alter the world position of silver. It is my opinion expressed after grave consideration that following such enactment every loom in Lancashire would be working full time within a month.

Also, it is my considered conviction that a peremptory Order prohibiting sales of Indian Government silver at less than 2s. per ounce would automatically fix 2s. as the world's price. The immediate result upon this unhappy country's export trade would be magical. Our unemployed would vanish overnight.

Will such action be taken? Probably not. With the wolves of anarchy howling at our door we are deaf; with disaster stalking industry and extinction threatening commerce we are blind, the while sly politicians mouth worn-out platitudes prepared by cunning departments. "We will put a penny on beer." Truly has it been written: "Quos deus vult perdere, prius dementat." Above all and before all, let us recognise that not overproduction but pathetic, needy under-consumption is at the root of our present ills. The wise physician removes the cause. Here, indeed, is a task ready to the hands of a Cabinet that has now the opportunity to initiate a policy both national and Imperial.

9.53-10.30 p.m.—

Concerto in E Minor (Chopin Op. 11),
Alexander Brailowsky (Pianist)
with the Philharmonic
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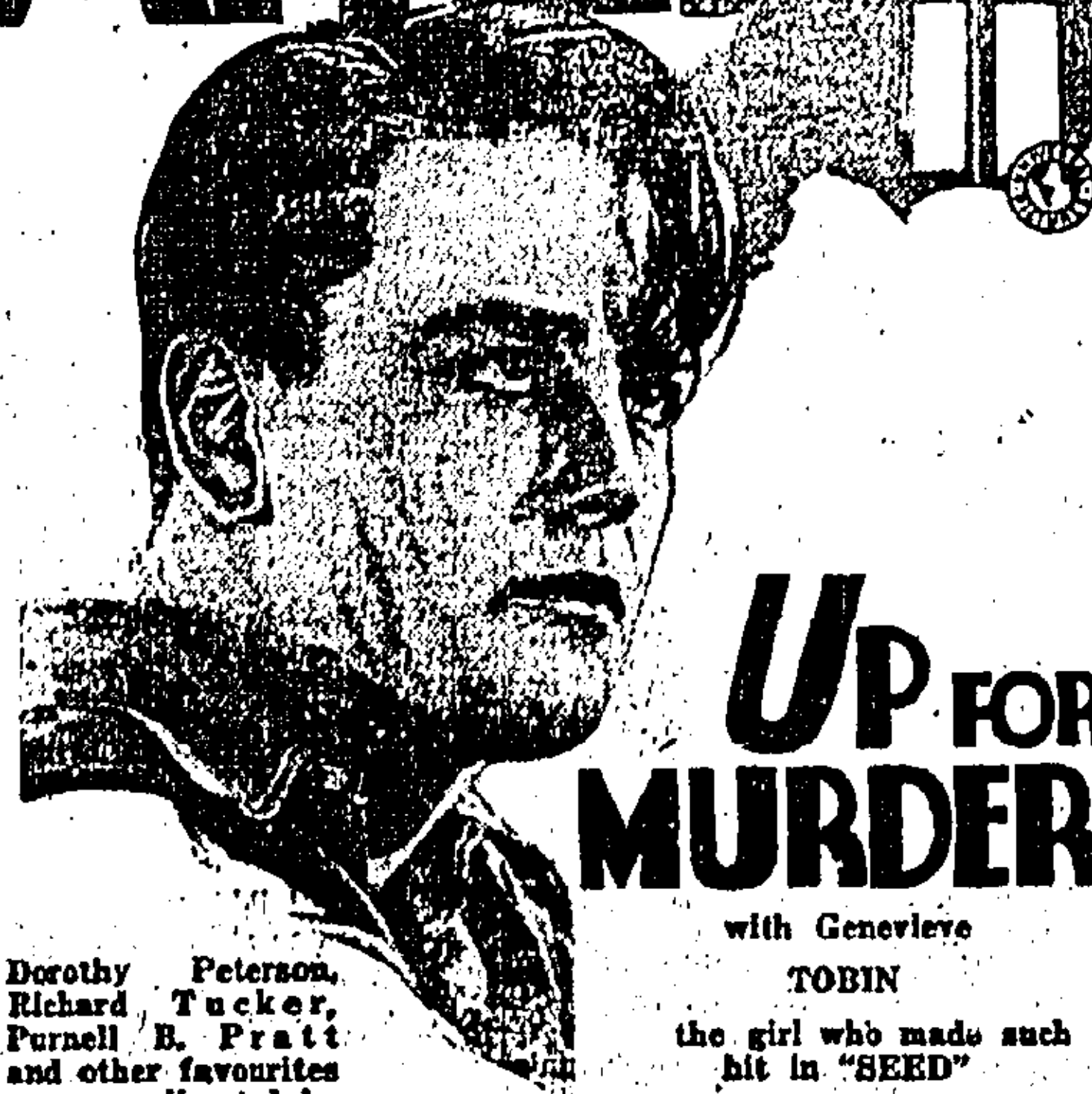
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coloured cover. Leading Hebraic
and Greek scholars collaborated to
produce the "Americanised" Bible
and the translations, made under
the editorship of Professor Powis
Smith, of Chicago University.

"Black But Comely."

One of the most striking changes
in form occurs in Solomon's "Song
of Songs." The passage in the
King James version: "I am black
but comely," is rendered: "Do not
notice that I am blackened, that the
sun has scorched me—my mother's
son has burned me."

An example of the need for a
modern translation because of the
changing diction Prof. Smith finds
in Proverbs 31, 10: "Who can find
a virtuous woman, for her price is
far above rubies."

This was not intended as a re-
flection on the chastity of the
feminine population, he says, but
meant "Oh! that one might find a
good wife." The "good" has re-
ference to all the worthy qualities
desired in the mistress of a house-
hold.

The Birth of Christ.

The story of the birth of Christ
as told in the King James version
Matthew I, verses 1 to 18, becomes
"clarified" in the Chicago Bible to
read:

"Now these were the circum-
stances of the birth of Jesus
Christ. Mary, his mother, was en-
gaged to Joseph, but before they
were married it was found that she
was about to become a mother
through the influence of the Holy
Spirit. But her husband Joseph
was an upright man, and did not
wish to disgrace her, and he de-
cided to break off the engagement
privately.

"But while he was thinking of
doing this an angel of the Lord ap-
peared to him in a dream, and
said: "Joseph, descendant of
David, do not fear to take Mary
your wife to your home, for it is
through the influence of the Holy
Spirit that she is to become a
mother."

Women conducted a service at a
Chalfont St. Giles (Bucks) church,
reading the lessons, preaching the
sermon, and acting as "eldersmen."

It is reported from Belgrade that
a peasant woman, aged 76, has just
given birth to three fine children.

Sir Chartres Biron, the Bow
Street magistrate, commented on
the fact that four of the persons
before him charged with felony
were in receipt of unemployment
pay.

VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Orders for the Coming
Week.

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G.
Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., commanding
Hong Kong Volunteer Defence
Corps, are issued as under:—

PARADES.

(a) Corps Band.—1. The Band
will proceed to Camp on Friday,
December 4 by the 5.35 p.m. train
from Kowloon.

2. The Band will attend at Head-
quarters for Band Practice on Fri-
day, December 11 at 5.30 p.m.

(b) Battery.—Battery will parade
at 5.30 p.m., sharp, at Headquarters
on Thursday, December 10 for
signalling and gun drill.

(c) Engineer Company.—1. Mon-
day, December 7 Miniature Range
5.30 p.m.

(2) Thursday, December 10, D. L.
Instruction, Wellington Barracks
5.30 p.m.

3. Sunday, December 13 Com-
pany Shoot, Peak II, Stonecutters.

FINE GENERALLY.

The Royal Observatory's re-
port issued this morning states:

The anticyclone is now
central to the North of Han-
kow, and is beginning to move
Eastward.

Forecast — N. E. winds,
fresh; fine generally.

Rainfall for 24 hours en-
ded at 10 a.m. to-day nil.
Total since January 1, 75.83
inches against an average of
82.08 inches — deficit 6.25
inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain
specified centres this morning
at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	63
Macao	67
Pratas Island	72
Foochow	63
Amoy	64
Chefoo	36
Shanghai	43
Manila	74

4. Sunday, December 20 Classi-

fication Part II, Stonecutters.

5. Note:—There will be no D. L.
instruction on Thursday, Decem-
ber 24.

(d) Corps Signals.—Signalers
will proceed to Camp at Fanling in
accordance with details already
issued to all ranks.

(e) Machine Gun Troop.—Camp
The Troop will proceed to Camp
on Friday evening, 25th instant.
Section N.C.O.s will make sure
that all their men are warned
again.

(f) Portuguese Company.—1.
Camp. The Company will proceed
to Camp on Friday, December 4 by
5.35 p.m. train from Kowloon.

2. Attention is called to the
careful rolling of great coats which
must be carried in the regulation
manner.

3. A.A.L.A. Section.—This sec-
tion will parade at Headquarters on
Friday, December 11 for training.

(g) The Officers Commanding the
undermentioned Units will issue
their Orders separately to their
Commands:

I. Armoured Car Company,
Motor Cycle Section.

II. Machine Gun Company.

III. Scottish Company.

The Commandant congratulates
Captain M. A. Johnson, M.M. and
Members of the Engineer Company

SCHOOL BOYS IN

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Only to Satisfy Their
Curiosity.

MAGISTRATE ORDERS THEM OUT

Noticing a party of school boys
seated in the body of the Colombo
Police Court, Mr. R. H. Bassett, the
Magistrate, directed the Interpreter
Mudaliyar to find out why they had
come.

The boys replied that they had
come to watch cases.

The Magistrate ordered them all
to enter the dock, and after they
had all got in, warned them not
to come to the Court again.

Observing a person standing out-
side the dock, the Magistrate in-
quired who he was.

The Interpreter Mudaliyar, after
questioning the person, informed
the Court that he was the master
who had come in charge of the
boys.

Why He Brought Them.

Asked why he had brought the
boys to Court, the master replied
that he had done so as they had ex-
pressed a desire to see the Court-
house.

The Magistrate remarked it was
not a good thing to bring in boys
when cases were going on, and
asked him to bring them when the
Court was not sitting.

Sending for a cane, the Magis-
trate ordered the party of boys to
run out, and directed the Court
Sergeant to give a stroke with the
cane to the last boy as they ran out.

on the success of the Annual Camp
held at Pakshawan, during the last
week-end, at which there was a 100
per cent. attendance.

Classification.

The following have been taken on
the strength:—

No. 1762 Pte. H. L. Rocha, No. 9
Platoon, joined 28.11.31.

No. 1763 Pte. G. H. Owen, No. 3
Platoon, joined 1.12.31.

No. 1764 Pte. H. E. Lewis, A. Car
Company, Motor Cycle Section,
joined 2.12.31.

Strength.

The following members of the
Corps Signals, Machine Gun Com-
pany and Portuguese Company have
passed the Annual Classification of
Signalers:

No. 423 C.S.M. G. T. Padgett.
" 1403 C.Q.M.S. J. Barnes.

" 1823 L/Sergt. C.A.J. Ribeiro.

" 1656 L/Cpl. E. E. Stott.

" 1492 Pte. J. E. Richardson.

" 1705 Sgm. H. J. Fountain.

" 1704 " F. E. Filmer.

" 1507 " F. K. Nabl.

" 1649 " A. S. Sufflad.

" 1650 " Y. J. Khan.

Leave.

No. 8 R.S.M. W. H. Edmonds,
Corps Headquarters, returned from
leave from 19.11.31 to 18.12.31.

No. 1315 L/Cpl. L. Well,
Machine Corps Band, granted 2
weeks' sick leave from 19.11.31.

No. 1164 L/Sergt. C. A. J. V.
Ribeiro, No. 12 Platoon, granted 1
month's sick leave from 1.12.31 to
31.12.31.

No. 1475 Bdm. R. A. Crestejo,
Corps Band, granted 2 weeks' sick
leave from 26.11.31.

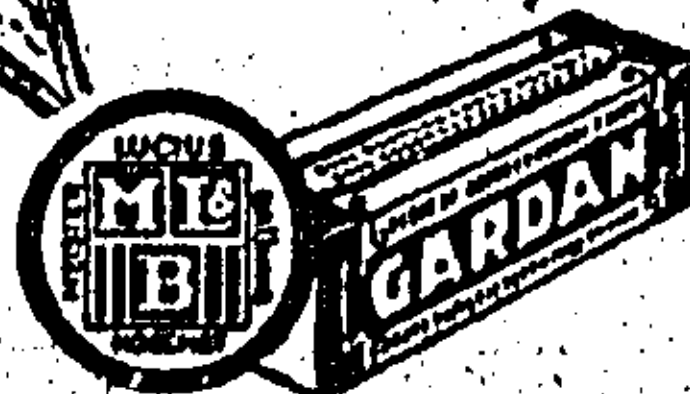
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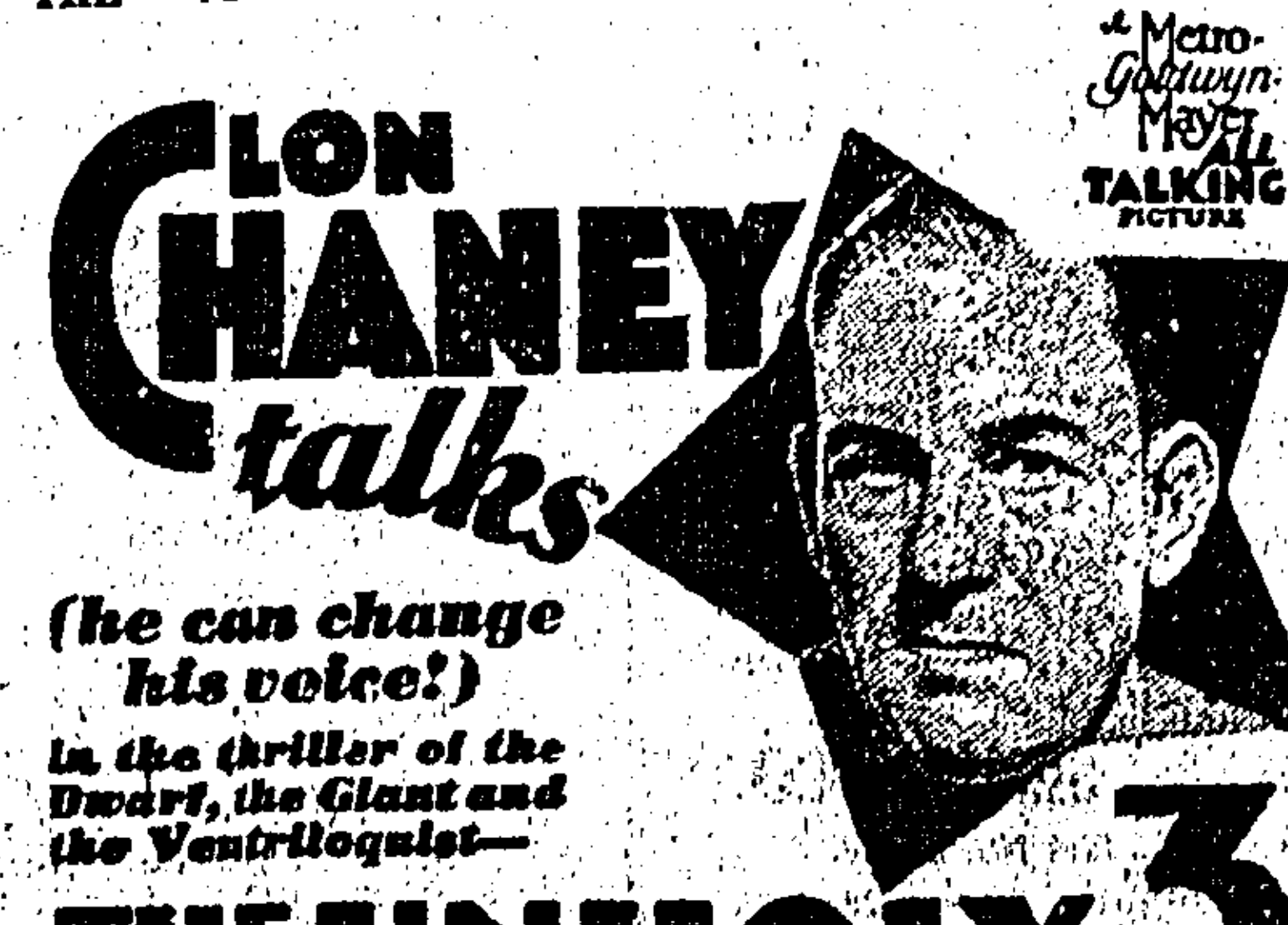
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